

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

MINUTES

JULY 6, 2000

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CHAIRMAN

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, July 6, 2000

Chairman Tom Gattle presiding.

Bill Busbice
Glynn Carver
Warren Delacroix
Tom Kelly
Norman McCall
Jerry Stone

Secretary James H. Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Chairman Gattle called for a motion for approval of the **June 1, 2000 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Busbice and seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed with no opposition.

Review of Wood Duck Video began with Ms. Marianne Burke stating this video called "Woodies" was created by the Department. Mr. Robert Helm with the Wildlife Division and Mr. Joel Courtney with the Information & Education Division were the creators and workers that put the video together. Mr. Robert Helm echoed the effectiveness of Mr. Courtney with putting the video together. This video will be used as part of in-house workshops, school groups, and for other user groups as well. At this point, a 5 minute portion of the video was shown. Chairman Gattle felt the video was good and expressed appreciation for bringing the video to the meeting.

Chairman Gattle then introduced several guests attending the Meeting from the Missouri Heritage Wildlife Foundation. These included the Executive Director Kit Funderburg, Director of the Missouri Department of Conservation Jerry Conley, Chairman of the Missouri Department of Conservation Commissioner Howard Wood, Past President of the Missouri Conservation Federation Abe Philips, and the Past President of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation and former Commission Member Marc Dupuy.

The Monthly Law Enforcement Report for June was given by Major Keith LaCaze. The following numbers of citations and warnings were issued during the month of June.

Region I - Minden - 205 citations and 44 warnings.

Region II - Monroe - 96 citations and 50 warnings.

Region III - Alexandria - 260 citations and 61 warnings.

Region IV - Ferriday - 75 citations and 9 warnings.

Region V - Lake Charles - 134 citations and 32 warnings.

Region VI - Opelousas - 192 citations and 41 warnings.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 280 citations and 49 warnings.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 270 citations and 16 warnings.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 228 citations and 24 warnings.

Oyster Strike Force - 10 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 35 citations.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 30 citations.

SWEP - 19 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of June was 1,740. Also there were 326 warning citations issued for the month. The main activity for the month was recreational boating, shrimping and recreational and commercial fishing.

The aviation report for June 2000 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 68.8 hours for enforcement and 15.6 hours for other divisions. Also there were 9 citations issued.

A grant was received from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration with assistance from Mother's Against Drunk Driving for the Fourth of July weekend. Patrols were made specifically for DUI and to educate the public on the dangers of drinking while operating a boat. Major LaCaze felt this had good results and a minimum of accidents occurred. Commissioner Busbice asked if all

of the positions in Region 2 are filled currently? Major LaCaze stated there are 2 vacant positions. Then Commissioner Busbice wondered why their case load for that Region was low? Col. Winton Vidrine stated he could have the Region Captain at the next meeting. Commissioner Busbice stated he would get with the Colonel before the next meeting.

Rule Ratification - 2000-2001 Hunting Season Dates and Rule Ratification - Hunting and WMA Rules and Regulations were handled by Mr. Tommy Prickett together. This process began in March with the approval of a Notice of Intent and then followed with 10 public hearings to receive public input. Chairman Gattle then opened the meeting for public comment.

Mr. Chance Smith, from Mt. Herman, stated he was at the meeting to talk about the Commission's decision to close dog season in his area. He asked the Commission to reconsider the issue and give them another year to work the problems out. If the closure was based on trespassing issues, then the Sheriff's Office or the Justice of Peace should be contacted. He then spoke on the heritage of hunting deer with dogs and how the children coming up now will not be able to enjoy this sport. Again Mr. Smith asked the Commission to reconsider their decision and give them a chance to work out the problems.

An Unidentified Speaker stated she was a mother, a hunter and a landowner that owns property in Washington Parish. She stated she drives the dogs while her boys hunt with their father watching. Then she commented there are laws that protect landowners from abuse. She appealed to the Commission to change their decision on allowing deer hunting with dogs.

Chairman Gattle then stated the decision was made after a careful examination. He then opened the discussion for a motion to change or comments on this issue. No further comments were heard. Chairman Gattle thanked the hunters for their comments.

Mr. Prickett stated a change has been requested to extend the muzzleloader season on Boeuf WMA for an additional three days. The season would run from November 29 through December 3. Commissioner Busbice asked if the Department recommends the change? Mr. Prickett answered yes. Commissioner Busbice made a motion to add three days on to the muzzleloader season for Boeuf WMA. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion. Commissioner Carver asked if there would be any biological ramifications to this change? Mr.

Prickett stated this would be biologically beneficial. Commissioner Carver asked if this change applied to all WMAs? Mr. Prickett stated no, it was just for Boeuf WMA in Region 4.

Representative Lelon Kenney stated the Boeuf WMA is the only area that allows muzzleloader hunting and the area used to have five days to hunt. He asked that the five days be given back to the hunters.

The motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Prickett read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution for the season dates and bag limits. Commissioner McCall made a motion accepting the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed unanimously. Then Mr. Prickett read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution for the statewide rules and regulations for hunting and the rules and regulations for the WMAs. Commissioner Kelly made a motion accepting this Resolution. Commissioner McCall seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolutions
and Rules are made a part of the
record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

July 6, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, July 6, 2000.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds

or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115,
and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 2000 Louisiana Register, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby ratifies regulation on open hunting season dates, bag limit and methods of taking on Department operated wildlife management areas and the state at large for the period September 1, 2000 through August 31, 2001. Authority to establish regulation is vested in the Commission by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. A copy of this information is attached and made part of this rule.

For those interested, a copy of the rules and regulations is available upon request by contacting: Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 2000-2001 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), LR 26: (July 2000).

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 2000-2001

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	Nov. 18-Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 7-Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 7-Feb. 11	8	16
Pheasant	Nov. 18-Jan. 31	2 (Cock Only)	4
Deer	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal on private lands)	6/season

C. Deer Hunting Schedule

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	Still Hunt	With or Without Dogs
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1	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 11-Nov. 17 Jan. 22-Jan. 28	Nov. 18-Dec. 3 Jan. 8-Jan. 21	Dec. 9-Jan. 7
2	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Oct. 28-Nov. 3 Jan. 13-Jan. 19	Nov. 4-Dec. 8	Dec. 9-Jan. 12
3	Sept. 16-Jan. 16	Oct. 7-Oct. 13 Dec. 11-Dec. 15	Oct. 14-Dec. 10 Dec. 16-Jan. 1	
4	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 11-Nov. 17 Jan. 13-19	Nov. 18-Jan. 12	
5	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 11-Nov. 17 Jan. 13-19 Bucks Only	Nov. 18-26	
6	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 11-Nov. 17 Jan. 22-Jan. 28	Nov. 18-Dec. 3	Dec. 9-Jan. 21
7	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Oct. 7-Oct. 13 Jan. 15-Jan. 21	Oct. 14-Oct. 29 Nov. 18-Dec. 3	Dec. 9-Jan. 14

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Acadia	Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
Allen	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
Ascension	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Assumption	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Avoyelles	Area 1: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
	Area 6: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
Beauregard	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
Bienville	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Bossier	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Caddo	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Calcasieu	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
Caldwell	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 24-26, Dec. 2-3
Cameron	Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Catahoula	Area 1: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3
	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 24-26, Dec. 2-3
Claiborne	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Concordia	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
DeSoto	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
East Baton Rouge	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
East Carroll	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17 East of mainline Mississippi River Levee and south and east of La. 877 from West Carroll Parish line to La. 580, south of La. 580 to U.S. 65, west of U.S. 65 to Madison parish line.
	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, the remainder of the parish.
East Feliciana	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Evangeline	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 6: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Franklin	Nov. 18-19, 24-26
Grant	Area 1: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Iberia	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
	Area 6: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
	Area 7: Oct. 14-15, Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
Iberville	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Jackson	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Jefferson	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Jefferson Davis	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
Lafayette	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
	Area 6: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Lafourche	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
LaSalle	Area 1: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
Lincoln	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Livingston	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Madison	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Morehouse	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 4: Nov. 18-19, 24-26
Natchitoches	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Orleans	Closed to all deer hunting
Ouachita	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 4: Nov. 18-19, 24-26
Plaquemines	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Pointe Coupee	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Rapides	Area 1: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
	Area 6: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Red River	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Richland	Nov. 18-19, 24-26
Sabine	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
St. Bernard	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
St. Charles	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
St. Helena	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
St. James	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
St. John	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
St. Landry	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, Nov. 24-26, Dec. 9-10
	Area 6: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
St. Martin	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
St. Mary	Area 6: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
	Area 7: Oct. 14-15, Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
St. Tammany	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Tangipahoa	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Tensas	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Terrebonne	Oct. 14-15, Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
Union	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Vermillion	Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
Vernon	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
Washington	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Webster	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
West Baton Rouge	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
West Carroll	Closed
West Feliciana	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Winn	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10

E. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer on Supplemented Shooting Preserves

Archery	Modern Firearm	Either Sex	Muzzleloader
Oct. 1-Jan. 31 (Either Sex)	Nov. 1-Dec. 6 Dec. 21-23 Dec. 26-Jan.31	Nov. 1-3 Dec. 21-23 Dec. 26-30	Dec. 7-20 (Either Sex)

F. Exotics on Supplemented Shooting Preserves: Either Sex, no closed season.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), repromulgated LR 25:1526 (August 1999), LR 26: (July 2000).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

July 6, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, July 6, 2000.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting rules and regulations for the State and WMAs, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish regulations that govern public and private lands is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all information pertinent to the rule and regulations governing hunting, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules and regulations affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 2000 Louisiana Register, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July does hereby ratify rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Seasons

§111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Sections 115 and 116 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

2. Pursuant to Section 40.1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

B. Resident Game Birds and Animals

1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

C. Other Season Dates

1. Turkey. Please refer to separate pamphlet.

2. Raccoon and Opossum. No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire, muzzleloader rifle .36 caliber or smaller or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or

carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

3. Blackbirds and crows. ALL blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles and crows are considered crop depredators in Louisiana and may therefore be taken year round during legal shooting hours with no limit. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

4. Pheasant

a. Bag limit - 2 (males only). Possession limit - 4.

b. Pheasant season restricted to the following portion of Calcasieu and Cameron parishes: That portion west of Choupique Bayou south of U.S. 90 and La. 27, west of La. 27 to north boundary of Sabine NWR, north of Sabine NWR north boundary to Sabine River, east of Sabine River to Intracoastal waterway, south of Intracoastal waterway to Gum Cove, east of Gum Cove Road to La. 108, north and east of La. 108 from Gum Cove Road to U.S. 90, and south of U.S. 90 from Vinton to Choupique Bayou.

5. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species except turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations EXCEPT squirrels may be taken by licensed falconers until the last day of February. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific Falconry Rules.

6. Licensed Hunting Preserve. October 1 - April 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific Hunting Preserve Rules.

7. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Land enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and 5¢/acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be in the possession of the hunter and attached and locked to antlerless deer (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow and muzzleloader) through the hock in a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is moved from the site of the kill. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in immediate

cancellation of the program on those lands involved. Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP Rules.

8. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer and Exotics on Licensed Supplemented Shooting Preserves

a. Definitions

Exotics: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the family Bovidae (except the Tribe Bovini [cattle]) or Cervidae which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve. Exotics shall include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black buck antelope.

Hunting: In its different tenses and for purposes of this rule means to take or attempt to take, in accordance with R.S. 56:8.

Same as Outside: For purposes of this rule means hunting on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting and deer hunting, as provided for in Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC).

Supplemented Hunting Preserve: For purposes of this rule means any enclosure for which a current Farm-Raising License has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF to permit hunting.

White-tailed Deer: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the species Odocoileus virginianus which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve.

b. Seasons

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Consult the regulations pamphlet.

ii. Exotics: year round.

c. Methods of Take

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: Exotics may be taken with longbow (including compound bow) and arrow; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber centerfire; or muzzleloading rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, using black powder or an approved substitute only, and using ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only.

d. Shooting Hours

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

e. Bag Limit

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No limit.

f. Hunting Licenses

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No person shall hunt any exotic without possessing a valid basic and big game hunting license.

g. Tagging. White-tailed Deer and Exotics: Each animal shall be tagged in the left ear or left antler immediately upon being killed and before being moved from the site of the kill with a tag provided by the LDAF. The tag shall remain with the carcass at all times.

D. Hunting-General Provisions

1. A basic resident or non-resident hunting license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

2. No person born on or after September 1, 1969 shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course taught or approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. However, a person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct and immediate supervision of a person 18 years of age or older.

3. A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer or turkey. A separate wild turkey stamp is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

4. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

5. Methods of taking resident game birds and quadrupeds

a. Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey and migratory game birds. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle or handgun larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than .36 caliber. During closed deer gun season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

b. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, and will be strictly enforced. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly. Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

6. Nuisance animals. Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means EXCEPT that nutria cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. With a special permit issued by the Department, beavers may be taken between one-half hour after official sunset to one-half hour before official sunrise for a period of three consecutive calendar evenings from the effective date of the permit. For specific details contact a regional office near you. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required to possess, sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken during open trapping season. Squirrels found destroying commercial crops of pecans may be taken year-round by permit issued by the Department. This permit shall be valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. Contact the local regional office for details.

7. Threatened and endangered species - Louisiana black bear, Louisiana pearl shell (mussel), sea turtles, gopher tortoise, ringed sawback turtle, brown pelican, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, whooping crane, Eskimo curlew, piping plover, interior least tern, ivory-billed woodpecker, red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's warbler, West Indian manatee, Florida panther, pallid sturgeon, Gulf sturgeon, Attwater's greater prairie chicken, whales and red wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

8. Unregulated quadrupeds. Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes, unmarked hogs where legal, and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to "chase only" during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only season for deer. Foxes and bobcats are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" permitted by licensed hunters.

9. Hunting and/or discharging firearms on public roads. Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or public road right-of-way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is

prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and rights-of-way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.

10. Tags. Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil, on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material, which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with bow and muzzleloader and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill.

11. Sex identification. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on any deer taken or killed within the State of Louisiana, or on all turkeys taken or killed during any special gobbler season when killing of turkey hens is prohibited, so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is en route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. One antlered and one antlerless (when legal on private lands) deer per day EXCEPT on Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

2. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing does is prohibited except where specifically allowed.

3. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise allowed.

4. Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.

5. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.

6. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

7. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is allowed in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. Use of dogs to trail wounded deer is expressly prohibited in still hunting areas.

8. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

9. Muzzleloader Segment: (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special state, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons.) Still hunt only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Muzzleloader license required for resident hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT Area 5 and as specified on Public Areas. It is unlawful to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special muzzleloader segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

a. Legal Muzzleloader Firearms For Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets and be fitted only with iron sights or non-magnifying scopes EXCEPT persons 60 years of age or older may use magnified scopes. This includes those muzzleloaders known as "inline" muzzleloaders.

10. Archery Segment: Consult regulations pamphlet. WMA seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. Archery license required for resident bow hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Residents 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. Either sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, archer's must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Pass-a-Loutre and Point-au-Chien WMAs (SEE SCHEDULE).

a. Bow and arrow regulations: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

(a). to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season EXCEPT it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot) only.

(b). to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means except that hand held releases are lawful.

(c). to hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.

(d). to hunt with a bow or crossbow fitted with an infrared or laser sight.

11. Hunter orange. Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season including muzzleloader season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a cap or a hat that is completely covered with hunter orange material in lieu of the 400 square

inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not allowed by agreement of the landowner or lessee. WARNING: DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING "HUNTER ORANGE".

12. Special handicapped either-sex deer season on private land. See regulations pamphlet for dates. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

13. Special Youth Deer Hunt. See regulations pamphlet for dates.

F. Description of Areas

1. Area 1

a. All of the following parishes are open: Catahoula, East Feliciana, St. Helena, Concordia, Franklin, Tensas, East Baton Rouge, Madison, Washington.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles - North of La. 1.

ii. Catahoula - All EXCEPT that portion lying north and east of the Ouachita River to the Boeuf River. West of Boeuf River north to Caldwell parish line.

iii. Grant - East of U.S. 165 and south of La. 8.

iv. LaSalle - Portion south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.

v. Livingston - North of I-12.

vi. Rapides - East of U.S. 165 and north of Red River.

vii. St. Tammany - All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

viii. Tangipahoa - North of I-12..

ix. West Feliciana - All EXCEPT that portion known as Raccourci and Turnbull Island.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Avoyelles - That portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by La. 451 and on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville, southward to its juncture with La. 451.

ii. Catahoula - South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to La. 8 at Harrisonburg, west of La. 8 to La. 913, west of La. 913 and La. 15 to Deer Creek.

iii. East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge - East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi line to La. 10. North of La. 10 from Thompson Creek to La. 67 at Clinton, west of La. 67 from Clinton to Mississippi line. South of Mississippi line from La. 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of La. 67 from La. 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from La. 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to La. 64, north of La. 64 to La. 37 at Magnolia, east of La. 37 northward to La. 64 at Indian Mound, north of La. 64 from Indian Mound to La. 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of La. 67 from parish line north to La. 959, south of La. 959 east to La. 63, west of La. 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River, southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to La. 67.

iv. Franklin - All

v. St. Helena - North of La. 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to La. 449, east and south of La. 449 from La. 16 at Pine Grove northward to La. 1045, south of La. 1045 from its junction with La. 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, west

of the Tickfaw River from La. 1045 southward to La. 16 at Montpelier.

vi. Tangipahoa - That portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River to La. 1061 at Wilmer, east of La. 1061 to La. 440 at Bolivar, south of La. 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from La. 440 southward to La. 10.

vii. Washington and St. Tammany - East of La. 21 from the Mississippi line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi line, south of the Mississippi line from the Pearl River westward to La. 21. Also, that portion of Washington Parish west of La. 25 from the Mississippi State Line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, then west of the Bogue Chitto River to its junction with the St. Tammany Parish line, north of the St. Tammany parish line to the Tangipahoa parish line, east of the Tangipahoa parish line to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line to its junction with La. 25.

viii. West Feliciana - West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of U.S. 61 and La. 966, east of La. 966 from U.S. 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

2. Area 2

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville, Jackson, Union, Bossier, Lincoln, Webster, Caddo, Natchitoches, Winn, Claiborne, Red River, DeSoto, Sabine, Caldwell.

ii. EXCEPT: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Evangeline

Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District described in Area 2 description shall be still hunting only.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - North of U.S. 190 east of Reeves and east of La. 113.

ii. Avoyelles - That portion west of I-49.

iii. Beauregard - East of La. 113. Also, west of La. 27 north to DeRidder and south and east of U.S. 190 west of DeRidder to Texas line.

iv. Calcasieu - West of La. 27 north of Sulphur and north of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

v. Catahoula - That portion lying north and east of the Ouachita River to the Boeuf River. West of Boeuf River north to Caldwell parish line.

vi. Evangeline - All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

vii. Grant - All EXCEPT that portion south of La. 8 and east of U.S. 165.

viii. Jefferson Davis - North of U.S. 190.

ix. LaSalle - All EXCEPT south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.

x. Morehouse - West of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, west of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, west and south of La. 593 to Collinston, west of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and north of La. 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake.

xi. Ouachita - All EXCEPT south of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Brake.

xii. Rapides - All EXCEPT north of Red River and east of U.S. 165. South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 113 to Union Hill, and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

xiii. Vernon - East and south of La. 113, north and east of La. 465, west of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and north of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Claiborne and Webster - Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations).

ii. Ouachita - East of Ouachita River.

iii. Rapides - West of U.S. 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 northward to U.S. 167 at Alexandria. North of La. 465 from Vernon Parish line to La. 121, west of La. 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to La. 8, south and east of La. 8 to La. 118 (Mora Road), south and west of La. 118 to Natchitoches Parish line.

iv. Vernon - East of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to La. 465, east and north of La. 465 to Rapides Parish line.

3. Area 3

a. All of Acadia, Cameron and Vermilion Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - South of U.S. 190 and west of La. 113.

ii. Beauregard - West of La. 113. ALSO east of La. 27 north to DeRidder and north and west of U.S. 190 west of DeRidder to Texas line.

iii. Calcasieu - East of La. 27 north of Sulphur and south of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

iv. Iberia - West of U.S. 90 and north of La. 14.

v. Jefferson Davis - All EXCEPT north of U.S. 190.

vi. Lafayette - West of I-49 and U.S. 90.

vii. Rapides - South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.

viii. St. Landry - West of U.S. 167.

ix. Vernon - West and north of La. 113, south of La. 465, east of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

4. Area 4

a. All of East Carroll and Richland parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Morehouse - East of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, south and east of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, east of La. 139 at Bastrop to junction of La. 593, east and north of La. 593 to Collinston, east of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and south of La. 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake.

ii. Ouachita - South of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Bake.

5. Area 5

a. All of West Carroll Parish is open.

i. All deer hunting is for bucks only including muzzleloader season.

6. Area 6

a. All of Orleans Parish is closed to all forms of deer hunting.

b. All of the following parishes are open: Ascension, Plaquemines, St. John, Assumption, Pointe Coupee, St. Martin, Iberville, St. Bernard, Jefferson, St. Charles, Lafourche, St. James, West Baton Rouge.

c. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles - South of La. 1 and also that portion east of I-49.

ii. Evangeline - That portion east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

iii. Iberia - East of U.S. 90.

iv. Lafayette - East of I-49 and U.S. 90.

v. Livingston - South of I-12.

vi. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

vii. St. Landry - East of U.S. 167.

viii. St. Mary - North of U.S. 90.

ix. St. Tammany - That portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

x. Tangipahoa - South of I-12.

xi. West Feliciana - West of Mississippi River, known as Raccourci and Turnbull Islands.

d. Still hunting only in all of the following parishes:

i. Plaquemines - East of the Mississippi River.

ii. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

iii. St. Bernard - All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre.

iv. St. John - South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. 51, east of U.S. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of La. 638 from U.S. 51 to Lake Pontchartrain. West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. 638 to Pass Manchac.

v. St. Landry - Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by La. 359, west by La. 10, and south by La. 103.

7. Area 7

a. The following parish is open: Terrebonne.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open: Iberia and St. Mary Parishes - South of La. 14 and west U.S. Hwy. 90.

G. Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. General

a. The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries

Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

b. Citizens are cautioned that by entering upon a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

c. Wildlife management area seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the Department Secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 3:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified. On days when Daily permits are required, permit stations will open 2 hours before legal shooting hours. Hunters must exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

e. Lands within WMA boundaries will have the same seasons and regulations pertaining to baiting and use of dogs as the WMA within which the lands are enclosed; however, with respect to private lands enclosed within a WMA, the owner or lessee may elect to hunt according to the regular season dates applicable to the geographic area in which the lands are located, provided that the lands are first enrolled in DMAP. Interested parties should contact the nearest LDWF regional office for additional information.

f. Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs except in designated locations is prohibited.

g. Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

h. Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval or unless otherwise specified.

i. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.) and wild plants is prohibited without prior approval. Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day.

Persons engaged in commercial activities must obtain a permit from the Region Office.

j. Burning of marshes is prohibited except by permit. Permits may be obtained from the Fur and Refuge Division.

k. Nature trails. Access to trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, bicycles, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

l. Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

m. Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations, includes both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

n. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, EXCEPT that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and State Seed Grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

2. Permits

a. Daily. Daily permits when required shall be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA. Hunters must retain permit in possession while hunting. Hunters may enter the area no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must checkout daily and exit the area not later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

b. Self Clearing Permits. On WMAs where Self Clearing Permits are required, all hunters must obtain a WMA Self Clearing Permit from an Information Station. The CHECK IN portion MUST be completed and put in a permit box BEFORE each day's hunt on the day of the hunt. The CHECK OUT portion must be carried by each hunter while hunting and MUST be completed and put in a permit box AFTER each day's hunt on the day of the hunt unless otherwise specified. A vehicle tag will also be associated with the Self Clearing Permit and must be displayed in the vehicle while on the WMA.

c. Wild Louisiana Stamp. Persons using WMAs or other department administered lands for purposes other than hunting and fishing, such as camping, shooting on rifle ranges, berry picking, hiking, photography, bird-watching and the like, shall be required to possess one of the following: a Wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement.

3. Special Seasons

a. Youth deer hunt. Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed EXCEPT Handicapped Seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate region office for special check station locations when daily permits are required and maps of specific hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts.

b. Handicapped Season. For hunters possessing a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit only. Participants must possess a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit. Contact region office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering Handicapped Seasons. Pointe-au-Chien will have an experimental Lottery Handicapped waterfowl hunt. Contact New Orleans Office, Fur and Refuge Division for details.

c. Deer Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. A non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Contact region offices for applications. Consult regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery hunts.

d. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations

pamphlet for deadlines. All turkeys must be reported at Self Clearing station. Contact Region Offices for more details. Consult separate Turkey Hunting Regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery hunts.

e. Trapping. Permits to take fur bearers from WMAs may be obtained at appropriate offices when required. Consult Annual Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required, each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the Region Office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days at region offices. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress. A permit is required to carry a firearm outside of the normal hunting season and is available at the Region Office.

f. Raccoon hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs. NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL - Season dates for specific WMAs are for nighttime raccoon hunting and permits may be required. There will be no bag limit for raccoons at night unless specified in the annual regulations pamphlet. Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the region office for WMAs where permits are required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of raccoon or all hunting privileges on WMAs. Permits, when required, may be obtained at region offices only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

g. Commercial fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines permitted on Dewey Wills WMA north of La. 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-Au-Chien WMAs EXCEPT shrimping allowed on Pointe-Au-Chien in Cut Off Canal and Wonder Lake during daytime only. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges for the period the license is issued and one year thereafter. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and

Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.

h. Sport fishing. Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are permitted on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations EXCEPT nighttime frogging prohibited on Salvador /Timken and Pointe-Au-Chien.

i. Additional Department Lands. The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in Rapides, Vernon, Evangeline and St. Helena parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries Region Office for specific information and any additional season dates.

4. Firearms

a. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, ATCs or in camping areas on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after allowed hours except in authorized camping areas.

b. Firearms and bows and arrows are not allowed on WMAs during closed hunting seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges or as allowed for trapping. Bows and broadhead arrows are not allowed on WMAs EXCEPT during regular deer archery season, turkey season or EXCEPT as allowed for bowfishing.

c. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists EXCEPT as specified under Wildlife Management Area listing.

d. Loaded firearms are not allowed near WMA check stations.

e. Centerfire rifles and handguns, arms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during modern firearm deer season.

f. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

g. Discharging of firearms on or hunting from designated roads, ATV trails or their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearm and muzzleloader deer season.

5. Methods of Taking Game

a. Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

b. On Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day, six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

c. Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included). Unmarked hogs may be taken on some WMAs by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Consult the specific WMA for additional information. Proper licenses and permits are required for hunting.

d. Hunters who kill deer on WMAs that require daily permits must have deer checked at the check station on same day of kill.

e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during early still hunt season unless specified in the regulation pamphlet.

f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed.

g. On Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges, all deer stands must be removed from the area no later than two hours after the end of legal shooting hours each day. Hunting from utility poles, high tension power lines, oil and gas exploration facilities or platforms is prohibited.

h. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within

two hours after the end of legal shooting hours each day. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal, poles, wire, mesh, webbing or any materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily.

i. It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

j. Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are also prohibited.

k. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and disposed of by the Department. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

l. Hunters shall not hunt, take or pursue birds or animals from moving vehicles on any WMA. No person shall take birds or animals from or by any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress therefrom has ceased.

m. Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAs.

n. Horses and mules may be ridden on Wildlife Managements Areas except where prohibited and except during gun seasons for deer and turkey. Riding is restricted to designated roads and trails. Hunting and trapping from horses and mules is prohibited EXCEPT for quail hunting or as otherwise specified.

o. All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters and dove hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Quail and woodcock hunters as well as hunters participating during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. ALSO all non-hunters afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

p. Archery season for deer. The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open to either sex deer EXCEPT as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted or closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or handicapped hunters are in progress. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific seasons.

q. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

r. Muzzleloader season for deer. See WMA deer schedule.

6. Camping

a. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is allowed only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. At the end of the 16 day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

b. Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA and Pass-a-Loutre, houseboats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the hunting season. At all other times of the year, mooring period is limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Permits are required for camping and overnight mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre and can be obtained from the WMA headquarters. Houseboat mooring permits are required for Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Area. Permits may be obtained from headquarters on respective WMAs or from the New Iberia office for Atchafalaya Delta WMA.

c. Discharge of human waste onto lands or waters of any WMA is strictly prohibited by State and Federal law. In the event public restroom facilities are not available at a WMA, the following is required. Anyone camping on a WMA in a camper,

trailer, or other unit (other than a houseboat or tent) shall have and shall utilize an operational disposal system attached to the unit. Tent campers shall have and shall utilize portable waste disposal units and shall remove all human waste from the WMA upon leaving. Houseboats moored on a WMA shall have a permit or letter of certification from the Health Unit (Department of Health and Hospitals) of the parish within which the WMA occurs verifying that it has an approved sewerage disposal system on board. Further, that system shall be utilized by occupants of the houseboats when on the WMA.

d. No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

e. Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

f. Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.

g. Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.

h. Swimming prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

7. Restricted Areas

a. All oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or hunting in restricted areas or refuges.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, duck hunting and bird dog training when allowed, having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be held liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are allowed for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not

exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.

9. Vehicles

a. Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.

b. The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within wildlife management areas due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

c. Tractor implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles. ATV tires are restricted to those with maximum allowable tire pressure of 5 psi, as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

d. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and Refuges. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. Personal water craft allowed on designated areas of Alexandria State Forest WMA.

e. No internal combustion engines allowed in certain Greentree reservoir.

f. Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

g. Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

h. Motorized vehicles, including ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads and ATV trails as indicated on WMA maps, except on Atchafalaya Delta WMA where ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles are prohibited. WMA maps

available at all region offices. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.

i. Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees. Handicapped ATV permittees restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps. Persons 60 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also allowed to use special handicapped trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Handicapped persons should make application for a Physically Challenged Hunter Program Permit with the Department.

j. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to handicapped-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Routes of all trails are as indicated on WMA maps. Deviation from the trails indicated on the map constitutes a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

k. Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition or construction.

l. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 3:00 AM. **All roads** including trails and roads designated as ATV trails shall be closed from March 1 through August 31 unless otherwise specified. Certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purpose. These trails will be marked by signs at the entrance of the trail.

m. CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.

10. Wildlife Management Areas Basic Season Structure. For season dates, bag limits, shooting hours, special seasons and other information consult the annual regulations pamphlet for specific details.

11. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit, quail, dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Consult regulations pamphlet.

12. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet.

13. Archery. Consult regulations pamphlet.

14. Hogs. Consult regulations pamphlet.

15. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet.

16. Wildlife Management Areas Hunting Schedule and Regulations:

a. Alexander State Forest. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

b. Atchafalaya Delta. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at any time. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited.

c. Attakapas. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

d. Bayou Macon. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. Mules are allowed for nighttime raccoon hunting.

e. Bayou Pierre. No ATVs or ATCs allowed on the area. Motorized vehicles are allowed only on parish roads and roads marked on WMA map.

f. Bens Creek. All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. No hunting in restricted areas. (See WMA Map). Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and during the spring turkey season.

g. Big Colewa Bayou. ATVs restricted to designated trails. Refer to WMA map for location of designated trails. All other motorized vehicles prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited.

h. Big Lake. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

- i. Biloxi
- j. Bodcau
- k. Boeuf. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.
- l. Boise-Vernon. Road travel and hunting restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicle travel.
- m. Buckhorn. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.
- n. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. All game harvested must be reported. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details.
- o. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day. Roads may be closed during wet weather conditions.
- p. Elm Hall. No ATVs allowed.
- q. Fort Polk. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Special regulations apply to ATV users.
- r. Georgia-Pacific. EXCEPT as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.
- s. Grassy Lake. Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor at Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas Region Office. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. No hunting in restricted area.
- t. Jackson-Bienville. ATVs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads and timber management roads and trails. However, all ATVs/ATCs prohibited March 1 through September 15.

u. Joyce. Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

v. Lake Boeuf

w. Lake Ramsay. Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

x. Little River. Roads may be closed during wet conditions.

y. Loggy Bayou

z. Manchac. Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

aa. Ouachita. Waterfowl Refuge: North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during waterfowl season. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight. Commercial Fishing: Closed. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

ab. Pass-a-Loutre. Commercial Fishing: Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

ac. Pearl River. All roads closed 8 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet except waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90. No hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a fee.

ad. Peason Ridge. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self Clearing

Permit required once per year. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users.

ae. Pointe-au-Chien. Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for DOVE hunting as specified in regulation pamphlet. Point Farm: Gate will be open during opening weekend of the second split of dove season and all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be allowed. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. prohibited in the Montegut and Grand Bayou marsh management units. Public is allowed to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue and Grand Bayou Blue. Vehicles prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by the department. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

af. Pomme de Terre. Commercial Fishing: allowed Monday through Friday, EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Region Office or Spring Bayou headquarters. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season. Crawfish: April 1 - July 31, 100 lbs. per person per day limit. No traps or nets left overnight. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

ag. Red River. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. Crawfishing prohibited on Wetland Restoration Areas.

ah. Russell Sage. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin

Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

ai. Sabine

aj. Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

ak. Salvador/Timken. Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be allowed. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none of the lines are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 H.P. are allowed only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes - "Baie Des Chactas" and Baie du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Operation of the above described internal combustion engines in interior ditches is prohibited EXCEPT by experimental permit to be obtained from the New Orleans Office, Fur and Refuge Division, Room 217. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited. Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenasses). Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact New Orleans Region Office-Fur and Refuge Division. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

al. Sandy Hollow. Bird Dog Training: Consult regulation pamphlet. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited). Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton

Rouge Region Office. Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas. No motorized vehicles allowed off designated roads. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

am. Sherburne. Crawfishing: Recreational crawfishing only on the North and South Farm Complexes. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per vehicle or boat per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed on farm complex. Commercial crawfishing allowed on the remainder of the area. Permit is required. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details. Vehicular traffic prohibited on east Atchafalaya River Basin levee road within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office. No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges. Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area. No commercial activity on ANWR, except trapping.

an. Sicily Island Hills. Firearms and any game harvested cannot be transported through the area except during the corresponding open season on area. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

ao. Soda Lake. Entire area is walk-in only - no motorized vehicles allowed. Access into the area is allowed only from south end of the area off of Hwy. 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer.

ap. Spring Bayou. Commercial Fishing: allowed Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets allowed any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Region Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Crawfish: 100 lbs. per person per day limit. Permit required from area supervisor. No hunting allowed in headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and regulations posted at camp

site. A fee is assessed for use of this camp site. Water skiing allowed only in Old River and Grand Lac.

aq. Thistlethwaite. No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA Map). All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through main gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

ar. Three Rivers. Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.

as. Tunica Hills. All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATVs restricted to designated trails. Driving on food plots prohibited. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map. Camping prohibited on area. North of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract) closed to the general public March 1-September 30 EXCEPT spring turkey hunting access allowed for those individuals drawn for special lottery hunt.

at. Union. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

au. West Bay. Road Travel and Hunting Restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

av. Wisner

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115 and R.S. 56:116.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:1279 (July 1999), amended LR 26: (July 2000).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

A Notice of Intent - 2001 Turkey Season was presented by Mr. Mike Olinde. Last season's turkey season was an unusually warm season, there were a record high number of turkeys checked in at the weigh stations, and the WMA total harvest was up by 35 percent. The changes for the 2001 season are only minor and include opening all of Union Parish and moving it into Area B; the northern portion of Franklin Parish and a small portion of Richland Parish will be

moved into Area C; a youth lottery hunt will be held on Loggy Bayou WMA; and a lottery hunt will be held on West Bay WMA. Statewide season dates for Area A will be March 24 through April 22; Area B - March 31 through April 15; and Area C - March 24 through April 1 with a daily bag limit of one and season bag limit of three. Twenty-six WMAs will have a turkey season which will be one to two weeks long. The bag limits for WMA turkey hunting will be one per day and two per season. The turkey season dates for the Kisatchie National Forest were read by Mr. Olinde. Chairman Gattle asked when would ratification occur? Mr. Olinde answered the rule would be ratified in November. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Olinde to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner McCall made a motion approving the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

July 6, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, July 6, 2000.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for wild turkeys, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of wild turkeys and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of wild turkeys are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as a Notice of Intent.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its July meeting does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of wild turkeys. A synopsis of said rule is attached to and made part of this notice of intent, along with a complete copy of the regulations.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Seasons

§113. Turkey Hunting Regulations

A. Daily limit is one gobbler, three gobblers per season. Still hunting only. Use of dogs, baiting, electronic calling devices and live decoys is illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and bow and arrow but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited. Shotguns capable of holding more than three shells prohibited.

B. No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing,

exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys.

C. A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed.

D. Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closure.

E. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries strongly discourages "feeding" agricultural grains to wild turkeys as this practice increases the risk of birds contracting potentially lethal diseases. Repeatedly placing grain in the same area may expose otherwise healthy birds to disease contaminated soils, grain containing lethal toxins and other diseased turkeys using the same feeding site. Properly distributed food plots (clovers, wheat, millet and chufa) are far more desirable for turkeys and have the added benefit of appealing to a wide variety of wildlife.

F. It is unlawful to take from the wild or possess in captivity any live wild turkeys or their eggs. No pen raised turkeys from within or without the state shall be liberated (released) within the state.

G. All licensed turkey hunters are required to have a Turkey Stamp in their possession while turkey hunting in addition to basic and big game licenses.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:2263 (November 1999), amended LR .

§115. Statewide Turkey Hunting Areas-Resident Game Birds and Animals

A. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Turkey	See Schedule	1	3/season

B. Turkey Hunting Schedule

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	March 24-April 22
B	March 31-April 15
C	March 24-April 1

C. 2000 Turkey Hunting Season - Open Only in the Following Areas

1. Area A - March 24-April 22

a. All of the following parishes are open:

- i. East Baton Rouge;
- ii. East Feliciana;
- iii. LaSalle;
- iv. Livingston;
- v. Natchitoches (Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for National Forest dates);
- vi. St. Helena;
- vii. St. Tammany;
- viii. Tangipahoa;
- ix. Washington;
- x. West Baton Rouge;
- xi. West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island).

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen: North of La. 26 from DeRidder to the junction of La. 104 and north of La. 104;

ii. Avoyelles: That portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River northward from Simmesport, on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by La. 452 from Brouillette to La. 1 eastward to Simmesport, and that portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east and south by La. 451, on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville southward to its junction with La. 451;

iii. Beauregard: North of La. 26 east of DeRidder, north and east of U.S. 171-190 from the junction of La. 26 to DeRidder, and north of U.S. 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iv. Caldwell: West of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line, east of La. 165 from LaSalle Parish line to the junction of La. 126, north of La. 126 westward to the Winn Parish line;

v. Catahoula: West of Ouachita River southward to La. 559 at Duty Ferry, north of La. 559 to La. 124, south and west of La. 124 from Duty Ferry to La. 8 at Harrisonburg and north of La. 8 to La. 126, north and east of La. 126. ALSO that portion lying east of La. 15;

vi. Concordia: That portion east of Hwy. 15 and west of Hwy. 65 from its juncture with Hwy. 15 at Clayton;

vii. Evangeline: North and west of La. 115, north of La. 106 from St. Landry to La. 13, west of La. 13 from Pine Prairie to Mamou and north of La. 104 west of Mamou;

viii. Franklin: That portion lying east of Hwy. 17 and east of Hwy. 15 from its juncture with Hwy. 17 at Winnsboro;

ix. Grant: All of the parish except that portion of land that lies north of the Red River between U.S. 71

and La. 8. Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates;

x. Iberville: West of La. Hwy. 1.
EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xi. Madison: That portion lying west of U.S. Hwy. 65 and south of U.S. Hwy. 80;

xii. Pointe Coupee: All except that portion bounded on the west by La. 77 and La. 10, northward from U.S. 190 to La. 1 at Morganza, on the north and east by La. 1 to its junction with La. 78 and by La. 78 from Parlang to U.S. 190. Further EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xiii. Rapides: All of the parish except that portion of lands that lies north of the Red River and south of U.S. Hwy. 71 from its juncture with the Red River northward to the Grant Parish line. Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates;

xiv. Richland: That portion south of U.S. Hwy. 80 and east of Hwy. 17;

xv. Sabine: That portion north of Hwy. 6 from Toledo Bend Lake to Many; east of Hwy. 171 from Many to the Vernon Parish line;

xvi. St. Landry: That portion bounded on the north by U.S. 190, west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee. ALSO that portion of the parish bounded on the north by La. 10 from the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee to Burton's Lake, on the east by Burton's Lake, on the south by Petite Prairie Bayou to its junction with the old O.G. Railroad right-of-way then by the O.G.R.R. right-of-way westward to U.S. 71 and on the west by the West Atchafalaya Guide Levee to its junction with La. 10, EXCEPT the Indian Bayou tract owned by the U.S. Corps of Engineers;

xvii. Upper St. Martin: All within the Atchafalaya Basin. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xviii. Tensas: That portion west of Hwy. 65 from the Concordia Parish line to its juncture with Hwy. 128, north of La. 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of La. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

xix. Vernon: That portion east of Hwy. 171 from the Sabine Parish line to the junction of Hwy. 111, south of Hwy. 111 westward to Hwy. 392, and south of Hwy. 392 westward to the Sabine Parish line. Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates.

2. Area B - March 31-April 15

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville;

ii. Bossier;

iii. Claiborne;

iv. Lincoln;

v. Red River;

vi. Webster, including Caney Ranger District of Kisatchie National Forest.

vii. Union

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Caddo: That portion north of La. 2 from the Texas state line to U.S. 71, east of U.S. 71 from La. 2 to I-20, south of I-20 from U.S. 71 to U.S. 171, and east of U.S. 171 to the DeSoto Parish line;

ii. DeSoto: That portion east of U.S. 171 from the Caddo Parish line to U.S. 84 and south of U.S. 84;

iii. East Carroll: East of U.S. 65 from Arkansas state line to Madison Parish line;

iv. Jackson: West of Parish Road 243 from Lincoln Parish line to Parish Road 238, west and south of Parish Road 238 to La. 144, west of La. 144 to La. 34, west of La. 34 to Chatham, north and west of La. 4 from Chatham to Weston, north and west of La. 505 from Weston to Wyatt, west of U.S. 167 from Wyatt to Winn Parish line;

v. Ouachita: East of La. 143 from Union Parish line to Bayou Darbonne, north of Bayou Darbonne to the Ouachita River, west of the Ouachita River from the mouth of Bayou Darbonne northward to the Union Parish line;

vi. Morehouse: West of U.S. 165 from the Arkansas line to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, north of U.S. 165 from Bastrop to Ouachita Parish line;

3. Area C - March 24-April 1

a. All of the following parish is open:

i. Winn (EXCEPTION: see Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates)

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Ascension: All east of the Mississippi River;

ii. Allen: South of La. 26 from DeRidder to Oberlin, west of U.S. 165 south of Oberlin;

iii. Avoyelles: South of La. 1 to West Protection Levee, south to Avoyelles Parish line;

iv. Beauregard: South of La. 26 east of DeRidder, east of U.S. 171 from the junction of La. 26 to Ragley, south of La. 12 west to Ragley;

v. Calcasieu: South of La. 12 east of Dequincy, east of La. 27 from Dequincy to I-10, and north of I-10 east of Sulphur;

vi. Concordia: North and east of Sugar Mill Chute (Concordia Parish) from the state line westward to Red River,

east of Red River northward to Cocodrie Bayou, east of Cocodrie Bayou northward to U.S. Hwy. 84, south of U.S. Hwy. 84 eastward to La. Hwy. 15 (Ferriday), east of La. Hwy. 15 northward to U.S. Hwy. 65 (Clayton), east of U.S. Hwy. 65 northward to Tensas Parish line;

vii. Iberville: All east of the Mississippi River;

viii. Jefferson Davis: West of U.S. 165 and north of I-10;

ix. Madison: South of Hwy. 80 and east of U.S. Hwy. 65 to Tensas Parish line and all lands lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

x. St. Landry: That portion bounded on the south by La. 10, on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, on the east by La. 105, and on the north by the Avoyelles Parish line;

xi. Tensas: East and south of U.S. Hwy. 65 from Concordia Parish line to Hwy. 128, south of Hwy. 128 to St. Joseph, east and south of La. Hwy. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.

xii. Franklin and Richland Parishes - That portion lying west of La. Hwy. 17 from Ringle Road to La. Hwy. 577 at Crowville, north of La. Hwy. 577 to La. Hwy. 15 at Baskin, east of La. Hwy. 15 to Big Creek, and south and east of Big Creek to junction of Little Road, and south of Little, Ferguson and Ringle Roads to La. Hwy. 17.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:2264 (November 1999), amended LR .

\$117. 2000 Wildlife Management Area Turkey - Hunting Regulations

A. General

1. The following rules and regulations concerning management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised

Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject the individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

2. Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed are open to turkey hunting.

3. All trails and roads designated as ATV Only shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through September 15. ATV off-road or trail travel is prohibited. Walk-in hunting only (bicycles permitted), unless opened by sign on trail.

4. Bag limits on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. The bag limit for turkeys on Wildlife Management Areas is two per area, not to exceed two per season for all WMAs. Only one turkey is allowed to be taken during special lottery hunts. The bag limit for turkeys is one gobbler per day and three gobblers per season including those taken on WMAs.

B. Permits

1. Self-Clearing Permits: All turkey hunts, including lottery hunts, are self-clearing and all hunters must check in daily by picking up a permit from a self-clearing station. Upon completion of each daily hunt, the hunter must check out by completing the hunter report portion of the permit and depositing it in the check-out box at a self-clearing station before exiting the WMA.

2. Lottery Hunts: Bayou Macon, Dewey Wills, Georgia-Pacific, Loggy Bayou, Sabine, Sherburne, Sicily Island and Tunica Hills WMAs are restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Deadline for receiving applications is February 15, 2001. Application fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants may submit only one application and will be selected for one WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually. Submitting more than one application will result in disqualification. Contact any district office for applications. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements.

3. Requests for information on WMA regulations, permits, lottery hunt applications and maps may be directed to any district office: [District 1 - 1401 Talton Street, Minden, 71055; 318/371-3050]; [District 2 - 368 Century Park Drive, Monroe, 71203; 318/343-4044]; [District 3 - 1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville,

71360; 318/487-5885]; [District 4 - P.O. Box 1640, Ferriday, 71334; 318/757-4571]; [District 5 - 1213 N. Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles, 70601; 318/491-2575]; [District 6 - 5652 Highway 182, Opelousas, 70570; 318/948-0255]; [District 7 - P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, 70898; 225/765-2360].

C. Wildlife Management Area Turkey Hunting Schedule*

WMA	Season Dates	Permit Requirements	Lottery Dates** (See Page)
Bayou Macon	March 31-April 1	Self-Clearing	March 31-April 1
Bens Creek ¹	March 24-April 15	Self-Clearing	None
Big Lake	March 24-April 1	Self-Clearing	None
Bodcau	March 31-April 15	Self-Clearing	None
Boeuf	March 24-April 1	Self-Clearing	None
Boise Vernon	March 24-April 15	Self-Clearing	None
Camp Beauregard	March 24-April 8	Self-Clearing	None
Dewey Wills	March 24- 25 March 31-April 1	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 31-April 1
Fort Polk	March 24-April 22	Self-Clearing	None
Georgia-Pacific	March 31-April 8	Self-Clearing	March 31-April 1
Grassy Lake	March 24- April 1	Self-Clearing	None
Jackson-Bienville	March 31-April 15	Self-Clearing	None
Little River	March 24- April 8	Self-clearing	None

Loggy Bayou	April 7-8 April 14-15	Self-Clearing	April 7-8 (Youth Hunt) April 14-15
Pearl River	March 24-April 15	Self-Clearing	None
Peason Ridge	March 24-April 22	Self-Clearing	None
Pomme de Terre	March 24-April 1	Self-Clearing	None
Red River	March 24-April 1	Self-Clearing	None
Sabine	March 24-25 March 31-April 1	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 31-April 1
Sandy Hollow	March 24-April 15	Self-Clearing	None
Sherburne ²	March 24-April 1	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 26-28
Sicily Island	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 7-8 April 14-15	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 7-8 April 14-15
Three Rivers	March 24- April 1	Self-Clearing	None
Tunica Hills South Tract	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 7-8 April 14-15	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 7-8 April 14-15
Tunica Hills Angola Tract ³	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 7-8 April 14-15	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 7-8 April 14-15
Union	March 31-April 1	Self-Clearing	March 31-April 1

West Bay	March 24-25	Self-Clearing	March 24-25
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**The deadline for receiving applications for all turkey Lottery Hunts on WMAs is Feb. 15, 2001.

¹No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

²All turkeys harvested on Sherburne WMA must be weighed and checked at WMA headquarters.

³Scouting access limited. Contact Region 7 office for details (225) 765-2360.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 25:2265 (November 1999), amended LR .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondences to other agencies of government.

Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until September 21, 2000 to Mr. Tommy Prickett, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

Mr. Mike Olinde also handled the next agenda item, **Tentative Season Dates for Early Migratory Birds**. These dates have to be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by August 1, 2000. Mr. Olinde stated the Commission would adopt the tentative seasons

and if changes occur at the Service level, the Department can make adjustments accordingly. Three major changes for the early migratory bird season included: going to a 60 day season with a 15 bird bag limit; recommending teal season open on a Friday and run through the end of September; and snipe dates will be deferred until next month when setting the waterfowl dates. The 60 day season dates for mourning doves is September 2 through September 10, October 14 through November 10, December 16 through January 7, daily bag 15 and possession limit of 30. The September teal season dates are September 15 through September 30, daily bag 4 and possession limit 8. The rail and gallinule seasons would run September 15 through September 30, daily bag for clapper and king rails and common and purple gallinules will be 15 with a possession limit of 30, and sora and Virginia rails daily and possession limit will be 25. Woodcock season would run December 18 through January 31, daily bag 3 and possession limit of 6. Shooting hours will be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset; except on opening weekends of each dove split when shooting hours will be noon to sunset.

Commissioner Busbice asked if the noon to sunset shooting hours was a recommendation from the Feds or this Department? Mr. Olinde stated it was a Department recommendation. Commissioner McCall asked if the Department received a lot of calls from southwest Louisiana on the teal dates? He added that these dates were better than what they asked for. Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Olinde to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Busbice made a motion accepting the Resolution. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

JULY 6, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, LA July 6, 2000.

WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, D.C. have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and

WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby adopt the tentative season dates for migratory birds which are attached and made part of this resolution, subject to the following stipulations:

- (1) The Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government; and
- (2) If significant changes occur as a result of changes in the framework established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or for other reasons, the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to alter the attached seasons based upon the recommendations of Department staff, supported by biological and technical data.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

Rule Ratification - Alligator Regulations began with Mr. Noel Kinler reminding the Commissioners a Notice of Intent was presented at the March meeting. During the public comment period, no written comments were received, but a telephone call was received from an alligator dealer regarding the shortening of the release period. However, some positive comments were received from other farmers and dealers. The first change will allow parts dealers and/or fur dealers to transport into the state whole alligators without needing a special permit. The second change will allow farmers and ranchers to take alligators to a public forum to educate the public without having to get a special permit. The third change involves taking applications for the wild season from July 15 up until the day before the season. Once that season begins, no new applications will be taken nor will tags be issued. A fourth minor change has occurred in the reporting requirement for dealers that ships alligators out of state. The last change would reduce the rate of return from 17 percent to 14 percent and reduce the release period for alligators from March 15 to August 25 instead of September 30. Chairman Gattle then asked for a motion approving the Rule. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to ratify the Rule and it was seconded by Commissioner Delacroix. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Rule is made a part of the record.)

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby amend the regulations governing the Alligator Regulations (LAC 76:V.701).

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 7. Alligators

§701. Alligator Regulations

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3. General Rules

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i. No person, firm, or corporation shall transport into this state or possess whole alligator(s) with skin on, alligator parts or alligator skins/hides unless that person, firm or corporation is a Louisiana licensed alligator parts dealer or fur dealer and is in immediate possession of an alligator parts dealer's license or fur dealer's license, except that a copy of such license shall be sufficient during transportation only. Persons, firms or corporations violating this Subparagraph shall be subject to the penalties as provided in Title 56:34, a Class Four violation; except that when such a violation involves alligator parts only, such offenses shall be subject to the penalties as provided in Title 56:32, a Class Two violation.

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p. For the purpose of bonafide educational or promotional functions, including but not limited to school activities, civic groups, fairs and festivals within the state of Louisiana, an alligator farmer/rancher or his designee may transport his own live farm alligators or alligator eggs to such function without the need for a special permit from the Department while in possession of a valid nongame quadruped breeder's or exhibitor's license or copy thereof. Such farmer/rancher shall not barter, trade, exchange or attempt to barter, trade or exchange live alligator(s) or alligator eggs while transporting to/or attending such function.

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6. Alligator Hide Tag Procurement and Tagging Requirements

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b. Landowners, Land Managers and Hunters - upon application to the Department on forms provided for tag issuance. Applications for alligator tag allotments will be taken annually beginning July 15th and ending the day before the season opens.

Tags will not be issued after close of business on the day prior to the season opening date.

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9. Importation, Exportation, Purchase and Sale

a. Live alligators may be brought into the state only if the person, firm or corporation bringing the alligators into the state has obtained written permission from the Department. Violation of this subparagraph is a class 4 violation as described in Title 56.

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11. Report Requirements

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(b). Official shipping manifest including total length in inches (or feet and inches) referenced to CITES tag number of each skin in shipment. A fully executed (filled out) shipping manifest containing all information required in the buyer/dealer record may be substituted with Department approval for the buyer/dealer record requirement on farm raised alligator skins.

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14. Alligator Egg Collection

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j. The alligator egg collection permittee and the landowner are responsible for the return of the percentage of live alligators to the wild described on the alligator egg collection permit. This requirement is nontransferable. Minimum return rates will be based upon the state average hatching success which is 78

percent. In no case shall the return rate be less than 14 percent at 48 inches total length. Each alligator shall be returned to the original egg collection area within a maximum time of two years from date of hatching. Each alligator shall be a minimum of 36" and a maximum of 60" (credit will not be given for inches above 60") in size and the returned sex ratio should contain at least 50 percent females. The alligator egg collection permittee/landowner are responsible for and must compensate in kind for alligator mortality which occurs for Department-authorized return to the wild alligators while being processed, stored, or transported. The Department shall be responsible for supervising the required return of these alligators. A Department transfer authorization permit is not required for return to the wild alligators which are delivered to the farm of origin no more than 48 hours prior to being processed for wild release. Releases back to the wild will only occur between March 15 and August 25 of each calendar year provided that environmental conditions as determined by the Department are favorable for survival of the released alligators. Any farmer who owes 1000 or more alligators at 48" must release at least $\frac{1}{4}$ of the total owed for that year by April 30; at least another quarter by June 15, at least another quarter by July 31; and the remainder by August 25th. A farmer may do more than the required one-fourth of his releases earlier if available unscheduled days allow. Should an alligator egg collection permittee be unable to release the required number of alligators to the wild from his own stock, he shall be required to purchase additional alligators from another farmer to meet compliance with the alligator egg collection permit and these regulations, as supervised by the Department. Department-sanctioned participants in ongoing studies involving survivability and return rates are exempt from these requirements during the period of the study. Violation of this Subparagraph is a Class Four violation as described in Title 56.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115, R.S. 56:259, R. S.56:262, R.S. 56:263 and R.S. 56:280.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 16:1070 (December 1990), amended LR 17:892 (September 1991), LR 19:215 (February 1993), LR 23:321 (March 1994), LR 26: (July 2000).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

Mr. Noel Kinler handled the **Resolution and Declaration of Emergency - 2000 Wild Alligator Harvest Season**. A brief summary of the 1999 season indicated a record harvest of 32,000 wild alligators that averaged 7 feet in length. A new program called the bonus tag program was initiated and resulted in the harvest of approximately 3,100 additional alligators which averaged 5.8 feet in length. The estimated meat and hide value for the 1999 season was \$10.3 million. Since 1972, over 300,000 alligators have been harvested from the wild program. Populations throughout the state range from stable to increasing particularly in southeast Louisiana. However, this year's nest production may be down due to the drought conditions. The Department was requesting opening the season on Wednesday, August 30. Commissioner Busbice requested monitoring the population of alligators as best as possible. Chairman Gattle asked if Louisiana harvests the highest number of alligators in the Nation? Mr. Kinler answered yes. Then Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Kinler to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Busbice made a motion accepting the Resolution. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2000 Wild Alligator Harvest Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

- WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act, allows the Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, and
- WHEREAS, Louisiana has historically led the world in the production of crocodilians with value to alligator hunters of over \$150 million between 1972 and 1999, and
- WHEREAS, the Louisiana ranching program (wild egg collection) largely supports a statewide alligator farming program, producing 160,000 hides per year, and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive Louisiana alligator management program contributes significantly to conserving alligators and their wetland ecosystems, producing for the landowner about 45% of surface use value, and

WHEREAS, the harvest of this renewable resource is important in providing supplemental income to citizens of the state while furnishing an essential management tool to reduce nuisance wildlife problems, foster wetlands biodiversity, and provide cultural and economic benefits to the citizens of the state, and

WHEREAS, regulated alligator sustainable use management programs developed during the past 26 seasons have built an industry that is unique and exceptional, and

WHEREAS, historical and current information collected by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have indicated that the optimum time frame for the harvest of alligators is the month of September, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2000 Wild Alligator Harvest Season, statewide from official sunrise August 30, 2000 through official sunset September 30, 2000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to delay, extend, close or reopen this season based on technical data or if enforcement problems develop.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2000 Wild Alligator Harvest Season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act, which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set seasons, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2000 wild alligator harvest season.

The 2000 wild alligator harvest season shall be from official sunrise August 30, 2000 through official sunset September 30, 2000. Alligators taken from the wild may be removed from hook and line and taken with other legal capture devices only during daylight hours between official sunrise and official sunset.

Emergency procedures are necessary to allow Department biologists adequate time to gather the biological data required to recommend season dates and harvest quotas.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby also authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to delay, extend, close or reopen this season based on technical data or if enforcement problems develop.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

The last agenda item for Mr. Noel Kinler was the **Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge Alligator Harvest Program (Information Only)**. Since 1986, an experimental alligator harvest on Marsh Island has been conducted. Over 11,000 alligators have been harvested during this time period. Historically this harvest has occurred in July to look at the reproductive condition of the adult female alligators. Now this harvest will occur within the context of the September season. Objectives for this year's harvest on Marsh Island was then read by Mr. Kinler. About 750 alligators will be harvested through a lottery hunt. The season will open 10 days after the statewide season opens and then the Department will bid out the sale of the alligators to the highest bidder. Chairman Gattle stated he read through the information and felt it was very well done. He added he was very impressed with the work that has been done. Commissioner Busbice asked if there are any alligator hunters or farmers in north Louisiana around the Toledo Bend or Caney Lake area? Mr. Kinler stated tags are issued from every office and he would contact the Minden Office to see what alligators are being harvested. Chairman Gattle commented there are alligator hunters from his area in north Louisiana and they are pretty successful at times.

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Chairman Gattle then asked if there were any **Public Comments**. Mr. Daniel Edgar, owner of St. Mary Seafood, stated he wanted to express concerns from crab fishermen on what shrimpers wanted the Commission to consider. The first was the shrimpers wanted the crabbers to have a season. But he commented most of the crab fishermen pick up their traps from Vermilion Bay when the shrimp season opens for about two weeks or they move their traps to another area. The shrimpers have suggested imposing a 200 crab trap limit, but the crabbers feel there is no biological reason to limit their fishery. Mr. Edgar did agree that crabbers put their traps too close together and he would be in support of trying something to fix this problem. The use of rebar material was

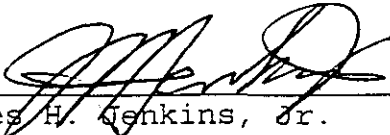
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Mr. Johnny Price, a commercial fisherman and shrimper in Vermilion Bay, stated the whole problem is the Vietnamese. Today the shrimpers can not trawl in Vermilion Bay because of the number of traps in the area. Mr. Price commented there is a limit on everything else, and stated there should be a limit on the number of traps. He also asked for more enforcement on unattended crab traps. Mr. Price stated he fought crab traps this year worse than he has ever and was forced to use skimmers instead of double rigs. Then he commented on fishermen using cast nets on the refuges to catch shrimp and then selling their catch. Mr. Price felt there was a need for sanctuaries for shrimp and a need to stop the use of cast nets. If the Department allows fishing on a refuge, it should be with a rod and reel and closed to everything else. Chairman Gattle stated the Commission's Committee for shrimp and crab met earlier that day to discuss some of the same issues and urged the public to attend any future meetings.

An Unidentified Speaker stated to Mr. Edgar that everyone needs to work together. Ninety-five percent of the shrimpers that work Vermilion Bay are small boats and can not go out and fish the Gulf of Mexico. Chairman Gattle again encouraged the fishermen to contact the Committee Members and let them know of their problems.

Another Unidentified Speaker offered his boat with a crew to take the Commissioners out to see the story on the crab traps.

There being no further business, Commissioner Busbice made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Stone.



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday July 6 2000

Chairman Tom Gattle presiding

Bill Busbice
Glynn Carver
Warren Delacroix
Tom Kelly
Norman McCall
Jerry Stone

Secretary James H Jenkins Jr was also present

Chairman Gattle called for a motion for approval of the **June 1 2000 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Busbice and seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed with no opposition.

Review of Wood Duck Video began with Ms Marianne Burke stating this video called Woodies was created by the Department Mr Robert Helm with the Wildlife Division and Mr Joel Courtney with the Information & Education Division were the creators and workers that put the video together. Mr Robert Helm echoed the effectiveness of Mr Courtney with putting the video together. This video will be used as part of in house workshops school groups and for other user groups as well. At this point a 5 minute portion of the video was shown. Chairman Gattle felt the video was good and expressed appreciation for bringing the video to the meeting.

Chairman Gattle then introduced several guests attending the Meeting from the Missouri Heritage Wildlife Foundation. These included the Executive Director Kit Funderburg, Director of the Missouri Department of Conservation Jerry Conley, Chairman of the Missouri Department of Conservation Commissioner Howard Wood, Past President of the Missouri Conservation Federation Abe Philips, and the Past President of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation and former Commission Member Marc Dupuy.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for June** was given by Major Keith LaCaze. The following numbers of citations and warnings were issued during the month of June.

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Region II - Monroe - 96 citations and 50 warnings.

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Region VI - Opelousas - 192 citations and 41 warnings.

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Region VIII - New Orleans - 270 citations and 16 warnings.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 228 citations and 24 warnings.

Oyster Strike Force - 10 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 35 citations.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 30 citations.

SWEP - 19 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of June was 1,740. Also there were 326 warning citations issued for the month. The main activity for the month was recreational boating, shrimping and recreational and commercial fishing.

The aviation report for June 2000 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 68.8 hours for enforcement and 15.6 hours for other divisions. Also there were 9 citations issued.

A grant was received from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration with assistance from Mother's Against Drunk Driving for the Fourth of July weekend. Patrols were made specifically for DUI and to educate the public on the dangers of drinking while operating a boat. Major LaCaze felt this had good results and a minimum of accidents occurred. Commissioner Busbice asked if all

of the positions in Region 2 are filled currently? Major LaCaze stated there are 2 vacant positions. Then Commissioner Busbice wondered why their case load for that Region was low? Col. Winton Vidrine stated he could have the Region Captain at the next meeting. Commissioner Busbice stated he would get with the Colonel before the next meeting.

Rule Ratification - 2000-2001 Hunting Season Dates and **Rule Ratification - Hunting and WMA Rules and Regulations** were handled by Mr. Tommy Prickett together. This process began in March with the approval of a Notice of Intent and then followed with 10 public hearings to receive public input. Chairman Gattle then opened the meeting for public comment.

Mr. Chance Smith, from Mt. Herman, stated he was at the meeting to talk about the Commission's decision to close dog season in his area. He asked the Commission to reconsider the issue and give them another year to work the problems out. If the closure was based on trespassing issues, then the Sheriff's Office or the Justice of Peace should be contacted. He then spoke on the heritage of hunting deer with dogs and how the children coming up now will not be able to enjoy this sport. Again Mr. Smith asked the Commission to reconsider their decision and give them a chance to work out the problems.

An Unidentified Speaker stated she was a mother, a hunter and a landowner that owns property in Washington Parish. She stated she drives the dogs while her boys hunt with their father watching. Then she commented there are laws that protect landowners from abuse. She appealed to the Commission to change their decision on allowing deer hunting with dogs.

Chairman Gattle then stated the decision was made after a careful examination. He then opened the discussion for a motion to change or comments on this issue. No further comments were heard. Chairman Gattle thanked the hunters for their comments.

Mr. Prickett stated a change has been requested to extend the muzzleloader season on Boeuf WMA for an additional three days. The season would run from November 29 through December 3. Commissioner Busbice asked if the Department recommends the change? Mr. Prickett answered yes. Commissioner Busbice made a motion to add three days on to the muzzleloader season for Boeuf WMA. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion. Commissioner Carver asked if there would be any biological ramifications to this change? Mr.

Prickett stated this would be biologically beneficial. Commissioner Carver asked if this change applied to all WMAs? Mr. Prickett stated no, it was just for Boeuf WMA in Region 4.

Representative Lelon Kenney stated the Boeuf WMA is the only area that allows muzzleloader hunting and the area used to have five days to hunt. He asked that the five days be given back to the hunters.

The motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Prickett read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution for the season dates and bag limits. Commissioner McCall made a motion accepting the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed unanimously. Then Mr. Prickett read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution for the statewide rules and regulations for hunting and the rules and regulations for the WMAs. Commissioner Kelly made a motion accepting this Resolution. Commissioner McCall seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolutions and Rules are made a part of the record.)

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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
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av. Wisner

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115 and R.S. 56:116.

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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
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A Notice of Intent - 2001 Turkey Season was presented by Mr. Mike Olinde. Last season's turkey season was an unusually warm season, there were a record high number of turkeys checked in at the weigh stations, and the WMA total harvest was up by 35 percent. The changes for the 2001 season are only minor and include opening all of Union Parish and moving it into Area B; the northern portion of Franklin Parish and a small portion of Richland Parish will be

moved into Area C; a youth lottery hunt will be held on Loggy Bayou WMA; and a lottery hunt will be held on West Bay WMA. Statewide season dates for Area A will be March 24 through April 22; Area B - March 31 through April 15; and Area C - March 24 through April 1 with a daily bag limit of one and season bag limit of three. Twenty-six WMAs will have a turkey season which will be one to two weeks long. The bag limits for WMA turkey hunting will be one per day and two per season. The turkey season dates for the Kisatchie National Forest were read by Mr. Olinde. Chairman Gattle asked when would ratification occur? Mr. Olinde answered the rule would be ratified in November. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Olinde to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner McCall made a motion approving the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed with no opposition.

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WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

West Bay	March 24-25	Self-Clearing	March 24-25
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**The deadline for receiving applications for all turkey Lottery Hunts on WMAs is Feb. 15, 2001.

¹No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

²All turkeys harvested on Sherburne WMA must be weighed and checked at WMA headquarters.

³Scouting access limited. Contact Region 7 office for details (225) 765-2360.

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The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondences to other agencies of government.

Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until September 21, 2000 to Mr. Tommy Prickett, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent. This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

Mr. Mike Olinde also handled the next agenda item, **Tentative Season Dates for Early Migratory Birds**. These dates have to be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by August 1, 2000. Mr. Olinde stated the Commission would adopt the tentative seasons

and if changes occur at the Service level, the Department can make adjustments accordingly. Three major changes for the early migratory bird season included: going to a 60 day season with a 15 bird bag limit; recommending teal season open on a Friday and run through the end of September; and snipe dates will be deferred until next month when setting the waterfowl dates. The 60 day season dates for mourning doves is September 2 through September 10, October 14 through November 10, December 16 through January 7, daily bag 15 and possession limit of 30. The September teal season dates are September 15 through September 30, daily bag 4 and possession limit 8. The rail and gallinule seasons would run September 15 through September 30, daily bag for clapper and king rails and common and purple gallinules will be 15 with a possession limit of 30, and sora and Virginia rails daily and possession limit will be 25. Woodcock season would run December 18 through January 31, daily bag 3 and possession limit of 6. Shooting hours will be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset; except on opening weekends of each dove split when shooting hours will be noon to sunset.

Commissioner Busbice asked if the noon to sunset shooting hours was a recommendation from the Feds or this Department? Mr. Olinde stated it was a Department recommendation. Commissioner McCall asked if the Department received a lot of calls from southwest Louisiana on the teal dates? He added that these dates were better than what they asked for. Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Olinde to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Busbice made a motion accepting the Resolution. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

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Rule Ratification - Alligator Regulations began with Mr. Noel Kinler reminding the Commissioners a Notice of Intent was presented at the March meeting. During the public comment period, no written comments were received, but a telephone call was received from an alligator dealer regarding the shortening of the release period. However, some positive comments were received from other farmers and dealers. The first change will allow parts dealers and/or fur dealers to transport into the state whole alligators without needing a special permit. The second change will allow farmers and ranchers to take alligators to a public forum to educate the public without having to get a special permit. The third change involves taking applications for the wild season from July 15 up until the day before the season. Once that season begins, no new applications will be taken nor will tags be issued. A fourth minor change has occurred in the reporting requirement for dealers that ships alligators out of state. The last change would reduce the rate of return from 17 percent to 14 percent and reduce the release period for alligators from March 15 to August 25 instead of September 30. Chairman Gattle then asked for a motion approving the Rule. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to ratify the Rule and it was seconded by Commissioner Delacroix. The motion passed with no opposition.

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RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby amend the regulations governing the Alligator Regulations (LAC 76:V.701).

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

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§701. Alligator Regulations

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from date of hatching. Each alligator shall be a minimum of 36" and a maximum of 60" (credit will not be given for inches above 60") in size and the returned sex ratio should contain at least 50 percent females. The alligator egg collection permittee/landowner are responsible for and must compensate in kind for alligator mortality which occurs for Department-authorized return to the wild alligators while being processed, stored, or transported. The Department shall be responsible for supervising the required return of these alligators. A Department transfer authorization permit is not required for return to the wild alligators which are delivered to the farm of origin no more than 48 hours prior to being processed for wild release. Releases back to the wild will only occur between March 15 and August 25 of each calendar year provided that environmental conditions as determined by the Department are favorable for survival of the released alligators. Any farmer who owes 1000 or more alligators at 48" must release at least ¼ of the total owed for that year by April 30; at least another quarter by June 15, at least another quarter by July 31; and the remainder by August 25th. A farmer may do more than the required one-fourth of his releases earlier if available unscheduled days allow. Should an alligator egg collection permittee be unable to release the required number of alligators to the wild from his own stock, he shall be required to purchase additional alligators from another farmer to meet compliance with the alligator egg collection permit and these regulations, as supervised by the Department. Department-sanctioned participants in ongoing studies involving survivability and return rates are exempt from these requirements during the period of the study. Violation of this Subparagraph is a Class Four violation as described in Title 56.

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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

Mr. Noel Kinler handled the **Resolution and Declaration of Emergency - 2000 Wild Alligator Harvest Season**. A brief summary of the 1999 season indicated a record harvest of 32,000 wild

alligators that averaged 7 feet in length. A new program called the bonus tag program was initiated and resulted in the harvest of approximately 3,100 additional alligators which averaged 5.8 feet in length. The estimated meat and hide value for the 1999 season was \$10.3 million. Since 1972, over 300,000 alligators have been harvested from the wild program. Populations throughout the state range from stable to increasing particularly in southeast Louisiana. However, this year's nest production may be down due to the drought conditions. The Department was requesting opening the season on Wednesday, August 30. Commissioner Busbice requested monitoring the population of alligators as best as possible. Chairman Gattle asked if Louisiana harvests the highest number of alligators in the Nation? Mr. Kinler answered yes. Then Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Kinler to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Busbice made a motion accepting the Resolution. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2000 Wild Alligator Harvest Season adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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Chairman Gattle thanked on behalf of the Commission everyone that helped in this effort which averted a disastrous situation. Commissioner Busbice asked if the Department would be short in operating revenues since some people have already purchased their licenses? Mr. Patton stated there is a chance there will be no significant difference in revenue in this fiscal year from license fees. He added that the Department did the best possible in implementing the fees upon the Governor's signature to the bill. Secretary Jenkins personally thanked Mr. Patton on behalf of the Department for all of his work and efforts.

Chairman Gattle then asked Mr. Paul Ferrell for the **Division Report, Shotgun Drawing and Update on Louisiana Wild Turkey Federation**. He began by agreeing with Secretary Jenkins on the great job done by Mr. Patton. The Louisiana Wild Turkey Federation increased the number of chapters by 5 since last year with a total membership of about 5,000. In Louisiana, forty-three projects have been completed on WMAs, education projects, high school scholarships and curriculum materials for elementary teachers. Anticipated revenue for this year is \$140,000 to \$145,000. Since the Federation began in Louisiana, deposits have totaled \$822,970 and they have spent \$705,236 on 325 projects. Mr. Ferrell added that the Turkey Federation was in support of the license fee package and was proud to be a part of it. A Remington 870 with a three inch magnum was given to three lucky turkey hunters that weighed in their kills. The first winner was Mr. Mike Williams from Calhoun that killed a turkey weighing 18 pounds, with an 8-1/2 inch beard and 7/8 inch spurs. The second winner was Mr. Billy Gold from Gray and he killed a turkey that weighed 16-1/2 pounds, with an 8-1/2 inch beard and 3/4 inch spurs. The third winner was Mr. John Howze from Denham Springs and he killed a 20 pound turkey, with an 9-1/4 inch beard and 1-1/4 inch spurs. Commissioner Busbice asked how many wild turkey hunters puts out supplemental feed in the areas where they hunt? Mr. Ferrell stated a lot of hunters put out food plots or chufa plots for deer and the turkeys benefit from these plots. Mr. Mike Olinde stated the Wild Turkey Federation began in 1990 giving three shotguns away in order to help gather data on the turkey harvest. He then expressed the Department's appreciation to the Federation.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **November 2000 Meeting** on Thursday, November 2, 2000 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Gattle then asked if there were any **Public Comments**. Mr. Daniel Edgar, owner of St. Mary Seafood, stated he wanted to express concerns from crab fishermen on what shrimpers wanted the Commission to consider. The first was the shrimpers wanted the crabbers to have a season. But he commented most of the crab fishermen pick up their traps from Vermilion Bay when the shrimp season opens for about two weeks or they move their traps to another area. The shrimpers have suggested imposing a 200 crab trap limit, but the crabbers feel there is no biological reason to limit their fishery. Mr. Edgar did agree that crabbers put their traps too close together and he would be in support of trying something to fix this problem. The use of rebar material was

another problem for the shrimpers and hoped to find a solution. The shrimpers are having some of these problems because of the types of gear that they are using, commented Mr. Edgar. The crab trap is the most selective gear used and it kills very few fish. The crab fishermen feel they contribute economically more from the inside fishery than the shrimpers. Crab traps do not affect or kill shrimp. Mr. Edgar concluded stating the relationship between the two groups in his area has been very good, but most of the complaints are legitimate. He asked for the opportunity to go back and try to work out their problems. Chairman Gattle asked what is the best depth for crab traps? Mr. Edgar stated the depth is not as important as the current, but the fishermen like to fish in 6 to 8 feet of water.

Mr. Johnny Price, a commercial fisherman and shrimper in Vermilion Bay, stated the whole problem is the Vietnamese. Today the shrimpers can not trawl in Vermilion Bay because of the number of traps in the area. Mr. Price commented there is a limit on everything else, and stated there should be a limit on the number of traps. He also asked for more enforcement on unattended crab traps. Mr. Price stated he fought crab traps this year worse than he has ever and was forced to use skimmers instead of double rigs. Then he commented on fishermen using cast nets on the refuges to catch shrimp and then selling their catch. Mr. Price felt there was a need for sanctuaries for shrimp and a need to stop the use of cast nets. If the Department allows fishing on a refuge, it should be with a rod and reel and closed to everything else. Chairman Gattle stated the Commission's Committee for shrimp and crab met earlier that day to discuss some of the same issues and urged the public to attend any future meetings.

An Unidentified Speaker stated to Mr. Edgar that everyone needs to work together. Ninety-five percent of the shrimpers that work Vermilion Bay are small boats and can not go out and fish the Gulf of Mexico. Chairman Gattle again encouraged the fishermen to contact the Committee Members and let them know of their problems.

Another Unidentified Speaker offered his boat with a crew to take the Commissioners out to see the story on the crab traps.

There being no further business, Commissioner Busbice made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Stone.

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Setting hunting season dates top LWFC agenda

By **JOE MACALUSO**
Advocate staff writer

The proposed Sept. 15-30 dates for the state's 16-day special teal hunting season could be very special for Louisiana hunters this year. That's because Sept. 15 is a Friday.

In past years, the 16-day run on the early migrating duck began on a Saturday and ran through the last Sunday in September.

This year, state Wildlife and Fisheries biologists checked a calendar and came up with a different proposal.

"The feds (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) mandate a Sept. 30 closing date for the teal season, and if we would have used the same three-weekend dates as previous years, we would have had to open the (teal) season on Sept. 9," said state biologist Mike Olinde. "That was too early."

Instead, the biological staff began at Sept. 30, a Saturday, and counted back 16 days to Sept. 15 for the special season.

The state Wildlife and Fisheries Commission approved those dates and state-proposed seasons for other migratory birds like mourning doves, rails, gallinules and woodcock at its regular monthly meeting Thursday.

"Doing it like this, we believe we are using the days better, and the hunters will be able to use the days better," Olinde said. "When we thought about it more, we came to realize that hunters could have two opening days, the Friday (Sept. 15) and the Saturday (Sept. 16)."

Another unusual move came for the snipe season, which Olinde said is being changed under the federal framework. He said the season will likely be moved one week later than last year and could possibly have a one-week split in the dates.

Olinde said the snipe season dates will be advanced in August, when the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will propose the dates for the 2000-2001 duck and goose seasons.

Snipe have increased in numbers in the marshy open lands in the state during the 1990s, and more and more hunters are taking the challenge of hunting the hard-to-hit bird.

Dove hunters face changing regulations this year, too. A compromise in the mid 1990s has the commission approving a 60-day, 15-dove-per-day season. Last year, dove hunters had a 70-day, 12-bird daily limit. A survey showed hunters divided over increased days or increased limits, so the commission solved the problem by a 70-day season in odd-numbered years and the 60-day season in even-numbered years.

As usual, the dove season has three splits with the opening weekends of the splits limited to noon-to-sunset hunting.

Otherwise, the hunting hours on all migratory birds is one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

The commission also ratified the resident-game seasons and bag limits, which were proposed in March and made it through a 120-day public-comment period.

The major change over the last four months was limiting a 38,000-acre area of Washington Parish to still-hunt only for deer. Mt. Hermon Hunting Club member Chance Smith asked the commission to grant the area one more year of hunting deer with dogs. It was the third straight month a member of the club campaigned against a petition signed by several area landowners.

The LWFC also heard a proposal for the 2001 spring turkey hunting season dates and limits: Area A, March 24-April 22; Area B, March 31-April 15; and, Area C, March 24-April 1. The daily and season limits remained 1 and 3, respectively.

The commission also set the alligator hunting season for Aug. 30-Sept. 30. State alligator biologist Noel Kinler said hunters and landowners took 35,000 wild alligators last year.

In other action, LDWF undersecretary Jim Patton said the State Legislature's passage of increased hunting and fishing fees will maintain department spending with the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

Patton said \$8.3 million will be realized from the increased fees, but the LDWF cannot use the money because the Legislature approved the increase but did not authorize the LDWF to spend it.

Patton said the authorization should come in August, or at the latest in September, from the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.

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RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 6, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, July 6, 2000.

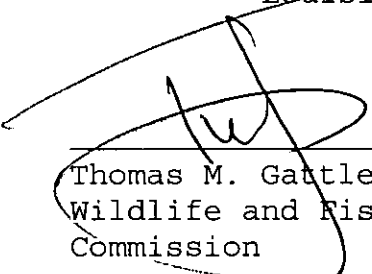
WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and


WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.



Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 2000 Louisiana Register, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby ratifies regulation on open hunting season dates, bag limit and methods of taking on Department operated wildlife management areas and the state at large for the period September 1, 2000 through August 31, 2001. Authority to establish regulation is vested in the Commission by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. A copy of this information is attached and made part of this rule.

For those interested, a copy of the rules and regulations is available upon request by contacting: Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 2000-2001 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the

Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), LR 26: (July 2000).

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 2000-2001

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	Nov. 18-Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 7-Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 7-Feb. 11	8	16
Pheasant	Nov. 18-Jan. 31	2 (Cock Only)	4
Deer	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal on private lands)	6/season

C. Deer Hunting Schedule

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	Still Hunt	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 11-Nov. 17 Jan. 22-Jan. 28	Nov. 18-Dec.3 Jan. 8-Jan.21	Dec. 9-Jan. 7
2	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 28-Nov. 3 Jan. 13-Jan. 19	Nov. 4-Dec. 8	Dec. 9-Jan.12

3	Sept.16-Jan.16	Oct. 7-Oct.13 Dec. 11-Dec. 15	Oct.14-Dec.10 Dec.16-Jan. 1	
4	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 11-Nov. 17 Jan. 13-19	Nov.18-Jan.12	
5	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 11-Nov. 17 Jan. 13-19 Bucks Only	Nov. 18-26	
6	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 11-Nov. 17 Jan. 22-Jan. 28	Nov.18-Dec. 3	Dec. 9-Jan.21
7	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Oct. 7-Oct.13 Jan. 15-Jan. 21	Oct.14-Oct.29 Nov.18-Dec. 3	Dec.9-Jan.14

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Acadia	Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
Allen	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
Ascension	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Assumption	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Avoyelles	Area 1: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
	Area 6: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
Beauregard	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
Bienville	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Bossier	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Caddo	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Calcasieu	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
Caldwell	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 24-26, Dec. 2-3
Cameron	Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
Catahoula	Area 1: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3
	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 24-26, Dec. 2-3
Claiborne	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Concordia	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
DeSoto	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
East Baton Rouge	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
East Carroll	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17 East of mainline Mississippi River Levee and south and east of La. 877 from West Carroll Parish line to La. 580, south of La. 580 to U.S. 65, west of U.S. 65 to Madison parish line.
	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, the remainder of the parish.
East Feliciana	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Evangeline	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 6: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Franklin	Nov. 18-19, 24-26
Grant	Area 1: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Iberia	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
	Area 6: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
	Area 7: Oct. 14-15, Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
Iberville	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Jackson	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Jefferson	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Jefferson Davis	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
Lafayette	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
	Area 6: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Lafourche	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
LaSalle	Area 1: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
Lincoln	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Livingston	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Madison	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Morehouse	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 4: Nov. 18-19, 24-26
Natchitoches	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Orleans	Closed to all deer hunting
Ouachita	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 4: Nov. 18-19, 24-26
Plaquemines	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Pointe Coupee	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Rapides	Area 1: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
	Area 6: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Red River	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Richland	Nov. 18-19, 24-26
Sabine	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
St. Bernard	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
St. Charles	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
St. Helena	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
St. James	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
St. John	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
St. Landry	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, Nov. 24-26, Dec. 9-10
	Area 6: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
St. Martin	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
St. Mary	Area 6: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
	Area 7: Oct. 14-15, Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
St. Tammany	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Tangipahoa	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Tensas	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Terrebonne	Oct. 14-15, Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
Union	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Vermillion	Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
Vernon	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
Washington	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Webster	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
West Baton Rouge	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
West Carroll	Closed
West Feliciana	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Winn	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10

E. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer on Supplemented Shooting Preserves

Archery	Modern Firearm	Either Sex	Muzzleloader
Oct. 1-Jan. 31 (Either Sex)	Nov. 1-Dec. 6 Dec. 21-23 Dec. 26-Jan.31	Nov. 1-3 Dec. 21-23 Dec. 26-30	Dec. 7-20 (Either Sex)

F. Exotics on Supplemented Shooting Preserves: Either Sex, no closed season.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), repromulgated LR 25:1526 (August 1999), LR 26: (July 2000).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

<p align="center">2000-2001 SEASON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA HUNTING SCHEDULES</p>
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1. ALEXANDER STATE FOREST (Owner - Office of Forestry-LDAF - 8,158 Acres, Region 3):

Deer: Nov. 24-26, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Oct. 28-29, Nov. 11-12, either-sex, Daily Permit.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex muzzleloader hunts for deer.

Waterfowl: Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. (Certain areas may be closed as posted).

Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreational areas.

2. ATCHAFALAYA DELTA (Owner - State of Louisiana - 141,912 Acres, Region 6):

Deer (Archery Only): Oct. 1-Dec. 31, on Main Delta only (Wax Lake Delta closed). No hunting in restricted areas. Self-Clearing permit required from Atchafalaya Delta headquarters.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT shooting hours shall be ½ hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. during opening weekends of teal and duck seasons and ½ hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of the season.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 1-Feb. 28. No hunting in restricted areas.

Trapping: Trapping is allowed only by written agreement with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited.

3. ATTAKAPAS (Owner - State of Louisiana - 25,730 Acres, Region 6):

Deer: Nov. 24-26, either-sex; Dec. 16-Jan. 1, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 6-14, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

4. BAYOU MACON (Department Owned - 6,919 Acres, Region 2):

Deer: Nov. 18-19, either-sex, hunt restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Hunters must check in at Hwy. 2 to have permit validated.

Archery: All deer must be reported at Self-Clearing Station.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 15-Feb. 11.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 15-28. Self-Clearing Permit required. Mules are allowed for nighttime raccoon hunting.

All night activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

5. BAYOU PIERRE (Department Owned - 2,212 Acres, Region 1):

Waterfowl Refuge is closed to all hunting, trapping and fishing EXCEPT archery hunting for deer, which is allowed on the entire area. Refuge is marked with "Waterfowl Refuge" signs.

Deer: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, Archery only. Either-sex. Archery hunting for deer is allowed in the waterfowl refuge.

All Small Game: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 13-Feb. 28.

Waterfowl: Entire area CLOSED for waterfowl hunting.

No ATVs or ATCs allowed on the area. Motorized vehicles are allowed only on parish roads and roads marked on WMA map.

6. BENS CREEK (Owner - Weyerhaeuser Co., Inc. - 13,856 Acres, Region 7):

Area Closed: Nov. 4-5, to all hunters EXCEPT Youth and Handicapped Hunters.

Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters: Nov. 4-5, Permit required for Handicapped hunters must be obtained in advance from Region Office. Self-Clearing Permit required for youth and handicapped hunters.

Deer: Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Self Clearing Permit; Dec. 9-Jan. 7, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Archery: All deer killed must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-8 and Jan. 8-24 either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm and youth hunts for deer. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m prohibited. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan.15-Feb. 28.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 15-28, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads.

No hunting in restricted areas (See WMA map).

Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and during the spring turkey season.

7. BIG COLEWA BAYOU (Department Owned - 899 Acres, Region 2):

Deer: Archery only.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

ATV's restricted to designated trails. Refer to WMA map for location of designated trails. All other motorized vehicles prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited.

8. BIG LAKE (Department Owned - 19,231 Acres, Region 4):

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Daily Permit; Nov. 26 and Dec. 30-Jan. 7, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex gun hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 15-Feb. 11.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 15-28.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

9. BILOXI (Owner - Biloxi Marsh Land Corporation - 39,583 Acres, Region 7):

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbits when duck season is closed.

10. BODCAU (Owner - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - 34,355 Acres, Region 1):

Deer: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10 either-sex; Nov. 6-10, 13-17, 20-23, Nov. 27-Dec. 1, 4-8, bucks only.

Small Game: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 13-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 13-Feb. 11.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 13-Feb. 11.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

11. BOEUF - (Department Owned - 50,656 Acres, Region 4):

Area Closed: Nov. 4-5, to all hunters EXCEPT for Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Nov. 4-5, either-sex.

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Daily Permit; Nov. 26 and Dec. 16-24, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 15-Feb. 11. Dove hunting prohibited in unharvested agricultural fields.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. No internal combustion engines and craft allowed in Green Tree Reservoir.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 15-28.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct 1-Feb. 28. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

12. BOISE-VERNON (Owner - Boise-Cascade Company - 55,672 Acres. Region 5):

Area Closed: Oct. 21-22 to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 21-22, either-sex.

Deer: Oct. 28-29, either-sex, Daily Permit required; Oct. 30-Nov. 23, bucks only; Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permits.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 27-Dec. 3, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 6-Feb. 11. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 13-Feb. 28. Waterfowl hunting after 2:00 PM prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 15-Feb. 11, Permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

Road travel and hunting restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicle travel.

13. BUCKHORN (Department Owned - 8,956 Acres, Region 4):

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, hunt restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery; Nov. 26, Dec. 30-Jan. 7, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 15-Feb. 11.

Dove hunting prohibited in unharvested agricultural fields.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 17-28.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

14. CAMP BEAUREGARD (Louisiana National Guard - 12,500 Acres, Region 3):

Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self-Clearing permit required once per year at Range Central Building, telephone (318) 641-3355, 641-3365 or LDWF, Region III Office, telephone (318) 487-5885. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. All game harvested must be reported on self-clearing checkout permit.

Area Closed: Nov. 11-12 to all EXCEPT youth hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Nov. 11-12, either-sex, Daily Permit required. Permit available from Rifle Range Road Station only.

Deer: Dec. 30-Jan. 5, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-8, either-sex Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside, EXCEPT closed during youth deer hunt. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 15-Feb. 11. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details.

15. DEWEY W. WILLS (Department Owned - 60,276 Acres, Region 3):

Area Closed: Nov. 4-5, to all hunters EXCEPT youth and handicapped hunters.

Special Handicapped Season: Nov. 4-5, That portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal shall be open only to handicapped hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Nov. 4-5, That portion of the area south of the Diversion Canal shall be open to youth hunters only.

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Daily Permit; Nov. 26 and Dec. 30-Jan. 7, Bucks Only.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 8-14, either-sex.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth/handicapped hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28 and squirrel hunting with dogs allowed from Jan. 15-Feb. 11.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 15-28.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28 in fenced-in areas south and east of LA Hwy. 28. Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area south and east of Hwy. 28. Also, free ranging livestock EXCEPT hogs prohibited in fenced-in area north of LA Hwy. 28.

Crawfish: Limited to 100 pounds per person per day.

Roads may be closed during wet weather conditions.

16. ELM HALL (Department Owned - 2,839 Acres, Region 6):

Deer: Nov. 24, either-sex; Nov. 25-26 and Dec. 9-17, bucks only.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm deer hunts and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

No ATVs allowed.

17. FORT POLK (Owner - U.S. Army and U.S. Forest Service - 105,545 Acres, Region 5):

Daily military clearance required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7654, North Fort Polk, telephone 1-888-718-3029 or (318) 531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either-Sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. ***Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.** Trappers must also register at Building #7654 and use Self-Clearing system. Special regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued or at http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/fpk_hunt/.

Deer: Oct. 28-Nov. 23, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit; Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Daily Permit; Dec. 4-15, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit; Dec. 16-17, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit; Dec. 18-22, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit; Dec. 23-24, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit; Dec. 25-Jan. 1, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required, Special Permit, Building #7654. A selected portion of the area to be open. Special Archery regulations for Cantonment Areas, check locally at Building #7654. Either-Sex deer legal Sept. 16-Jan. 18. Remainder of WMA restricted to bucks only when Bucks-Only gun season is in progress.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Hunter Orange must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 6-Feb. 11.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Sept. 16-Feb. 28.

Fishing: Special regulations pertaining to fishing are posted at specific lakes.

18. GEORGIA-PACIFIC (Owner - Georgia-Pacific Corporation - 25,480 Acres, Region 2):

Area Closed: Oct. 21-22, to all hunters EXCEPT youth hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 21-22, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Deer: Nov. 4-12 bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit required; Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer. Dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 15-Feb. 11. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 17-30, Permit required from Monroe Region Office. EXCEPT as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.

19. GRASSY LAKE (Department Owned - 12,983 Acres, Region 6):

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Daily Permit required; Nov. 26 and Dec. 30-Jan. 7, bucks only. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 8-14, either-sex. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor Spring Bayou Headquarters or Opelousas Region Office.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited. No hunting in restricted area.

20. JACKSON-BIENVILLE (Owner - Willamette Industries, et. al. - 32,460 Acres, Region 1):

Self-Clearing Permits are required to hunt on Jackson-Bienville WMA EXCEPT when daily permits are required for the Nov. 4-5 either-sex deer hunts.

ATVs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads and timber management woods roads and trails. However, all ATVs/ATCs prohibited from March 1 through August 31.

Area Closed (portion): Oct. 21-22, on designated portions. Closed to all hunters EXCEPT youth and handicapped hunters.

Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters: Oct. 21-22, for handicapped and youth hunters only on a portion of Jackson-Bienville WMA. Contact Minden Region Office for Handicapped Permits and specific map. Handicapped Permit must be obtained in advance from any Region Office. Self-clearing permits are required.

Note: Daily Permits for the Nov. 4-5 either-sex deer hunt will be available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 3 at the Field Office Daily Permit Check Station on North Road. Daily Permit Check Stations will be open at 4:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4.

Deer: Nov. 4-5, either-sex, Daily Permit required; Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec.

2-3, 9-10 either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required; Nov. 20-23, Dec. 11-Jan. 1, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit required.

All deer and hogs harvested Nov. 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, must be brought to the Field Office on North Road to be weighed, inspected, photographed and tagged. Wildlife Division personnel will be at the Field Office from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the days listed.

Archery: Same as outside.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed Oct. 21-22 (portion) and Nov. 4-5. Rabbits may be hunted with beagles Jan. 13-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan 13-Feb. 11. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 13-Feb. 11.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28. All hogs must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station or Daily Permit Station.

21. JOYCE (Department Owned - 15,059 Acres, Region 7):

Deer: Same as outside, still hunt only.

Muzzleloader: Same as outside, still hunt only.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

22. LAKE BOEUF (Department Owned - 786 Acres, Region 7)

Hunting until 12:00 noon for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging.

Deer: Archery only. Same as outside.

Small Game: Same as outside.

Waterfowl: Same as outside.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

23. LAKE RAMSEY (Department Owned - 800 Acres, Region 7):

Deer: Archery only, either-sex. Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Foot traffic only - All vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

24. LITTLE RIVER (Department Owned - 3840 Acres, Region 3):

Deer: Nov. 4-12, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-8, either-sex.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 15-28.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 15-Feb. 11. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28.

Roads may be closed during wet conditions.

25. LOGGY BAYOU (Department Owned - 4,085, State land Office-159, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers-2,353 Acres, Region 1):

Self-Clearing Permit required for all persons hunting on Loggy Bayou WMA EXCEPT when Daily Permits are required during the either-sex gun hunts for deer. Daily Permits will be available only from the Check Station at the campground.

Area Closed: Oct. 21-22 to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters. (Loggy Bayou boat ramp will remain open for non-area users.)

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 21-22, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required. Refer to WMA General Regulations for hunt requirements. All other activities CLOSED.

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, EXCEPT closed Oct. 21-22 to all but Youth Hunters.

Deer: Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Daily Permit required. Daily Permit available

at main campground only.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 27-Dec. 3, either-sex. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex gun hunts for deer and youth hunts. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 13-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 13-Feb. 11.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Self-Clearing Permit required. Closed Nov. 24-26.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 13-Feb. 11, Self-Clearing Permit required.

26. MANCHAC (Department Owned - 8,328 Acres, Region 7):

Deer (Archery Only): Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Steel shot required for rails, snipe and gallinules.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

27. OUACHITA (Department Owned - 8,746 Acres, Region 2):

Area Closed: Oct. 21-22 to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Waterfowl Refuge: North of LA Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during waterfowl season.

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 21-22, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Deer: Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Daily Permit required; Dec. 16-Jan. 1, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Waterfowl: South of LA Hwy. 15, same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during waterfowl season.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Oct. 1-13, Oct. 28-Nov. 19, Jan. 20-Feb. 4, Permit required from Monroe Region Office.

Crawfish: April 1-May 31, 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight.

Commercial Fishing: Closed.

All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

28. PASS-A-LOUTRE (Department Owned - 110,491 Acres, Region 8):

Waterfowl: Same as outside.

Archery: Same as outside. Either-sex, Special Permit required from Pass-a-Loutre Headquarters.

Small Game: Same as outside. Beagles allowed only when duck and archery seasons are closed.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Commercial Fishing: Same as outside, commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA Map.

Oyster harvesting is prohibited.

ATVS, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

29. PEARL RIVER (Department Owned - 35,031 Acres, Region 7):

Area Closed: Nov. 4-5 to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Nov. 4-5, either-sex. All deer and hogs must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station.

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Daily Permit required; Nov. 26 and Dec. 9-31, bucks only. All deer and hogs killed must be reported at Self-Clearing Check Station. English Bayou Check Station will be relocated to the Curtis Johnson Water Park Landing for the Daily Permit either sex hunt.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-8, Jan. 1-14, either-sex. All deer and hogs must be

reported at Self-Clearing Check Station.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 15-Feb. 11.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and EXCEPT no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge Area. Closed north of US Hwy. 90 during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Oct. 7-15 and Jan. 15-28, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28. All hogs must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station.

All roads closed 8 p.m. - 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet EXCEPT waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90.

No hunting in the vicinity of the Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a \$5.00 fee.

30. PEASON RIDGE (Owner - U.S. Army - 33,010 Acres, Region 5):

Daily military clearance required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7654, North Fort Polk, telephone no. 1-888-718-3029 or (318) 531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either-Sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. ***Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drivers and standers, drivers, or making use of noises or noise making-devices is prohibited.** Trappers must also register at Building #7654 and use Self-Clearing system.

Special federal regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued. (http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/fpk_hunt/).

Deer: Nov. 4-Nov. 23, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit; Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Daily Permit; Dec. 4-15, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit; Dec. 16-17, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit; Dec. 18-22, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit; Dec. 23-24, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit; Dec. 25-Jan. 1, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required. Special Permits available at Building #7654. A selected portion of the area to be open.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 6-Feb. 11.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

31. POINTE-AU-CHIEN (Department Owned - 32,885 Acres, Region 8):

Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME EXCEPT for DOVE hunting as specified below. Point Farm: (Gate will be open during opening weekend of the second split of dove season and all weekends during the month of Feb.). No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches.

Deer: Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 2-10, bucks only, EXCEPT no gun hunting allowed on Point Farm property (Archery only).

Archery: Same as outside.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles prohibited during duck season and gun hunts for deer. Point Farm property, same as outside EXCEPT beagles prohibited during opening weekends of each dove season segment.

Dove: Shooting hours same as outside season during opening weekends only of each season segment on Point Farm properties, otherwise morning hunting only.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 12 noon prohibited. Experimental Lottery Handicapped Waterfowl Hunt. Contact New Orleans, Fur and Refuge Division for details (504)-568-5886.

All Other Game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only.

Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only.

During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the Wildlife Management Area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish is for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. are prohibited in the Montegut and Grand Bayou marsh management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue and Grand Bayou Blue.

Vehicles are prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by the Department.

ATVS, ATCs, and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

32. POMME DE TERRE (Department Owned - 6,434 Acres, Region 6):

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Daily Permit; Nov. 26 and Dec. 30-Jan. 7, bucks only. Self-Clearing permit required.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 8-14, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbit Jan. 15- Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 15-Feb. 11. Waterfowl hunting after 2:00 p.m. prohibited.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing Permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Region Office or Spring Bayou Headquarters.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed only after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct 1-Feb. 28.

Crawfish: Apr. 1-July 31, 100 pounds per person per day limit. No traps or nets left overnight.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

33. RED RIVER (Department Owned - 24,494 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers - 11,717 Acres, Region 4):

Area Closed: Nov. 4-5 to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Nov. 4-5, either-sex.

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Daily Permit; Nov. 26 and Dec. 30-Jan. 7, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer and EXCEPT no hunting in unharvested agricultural fields. Snipe, rail and gallinule hunting restricted on Yakey Wetland Development Area during pre-application lottery hunts.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. That portion known as the Yakey Farm is closed to all hunting from Nov. 6-Jan. 23 EXCEPT for hunters selected by pre-application lottery. Deadline for application is Sept. 22, 2000. Contact Region Office for details. Persons participating in the Lottery Hunts may take migratory game birds if legal.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

Crawfishing prohibited on Yakey Farms wetland restoration projects.

34. RUSSELL SAGE (Department Owned - 17,122 Acres, Region 2):

Deer: Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Daily Permit required; Dec. 16-Jan. 1, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permits required.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 15-Feb. 11. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck season.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Oct. 1-13, Oct. 28-Nov. 19 and Jan. 20-Feb. 4, Permit required from Monroe Region Office.

Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit.

Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited.

All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

Note: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (US 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

35. SABINE (Owner - International Paper Company, Boise-Cascade Co, Et Al - 13,706 Acres, Region 3):

Area Closed: Oct. 14-15, to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 14-15, either-sex.

Deer: Nov. 4-5, Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required; Nov. 6-Nov. 22, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Oct. 28-29, Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunt for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 15-Feb. 13. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan 15-28.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

36. SABINE ISLAND (Owner - State of Louisiana and Calcasieu Parish School Board - 8,103 Acres, Region 5):

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 6-Feb. 11.

Deer: Same as Area 2 Deer Season EXCEPT still hunt only.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 15-Feb. 11, Permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

37. SALVADOR/TIMKEN (Department Owned - 32,617 Acres, Region 8):

Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging.

Area Closed: Oct. 21-22, to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 21-22, either-sex, no permit required, see Youth Deer Hunt regulations.

Deer: Nov. 24-26, either-sex; Dec. 5-18, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Archery: Same as outside.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts and youth hunt for deer and EXCEPT beagles prohibited during duck and gun hunts for deer. Steel shot required for Gallinule.

Waterfowl: Same as outside.

Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads

on) maximum may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the Wildlife Management Area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 h.p. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes "Baie Des Chactas" and Baie Du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Operation of the above described internal combustion engines in interior ditches is prohibited, EXCEPT by experimental permit to be obtained from the New Orleans Office, Fur and Refuge Division, Room 217.

Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited.

Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenasses). Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact New Orleans Region Office-Fur and Refuge Division.

ATVS, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

38. SANDY HOLLOW (Department Owned - 3,515 Acres, Region 7):

Deer: Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required; Dec. 9-24, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Archery: All deer killed must be reported at Self-Clearing Check Station.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting Jan. 15-Feb. 28.

Quail & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT Quail opens Nov. 20 (Monday) and closes Jan. 31 and EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Raccoon: Jan. 15-28, Self-Clearing Permit Required.

Dove: Sept. 2 and Sept. 9-10 only of first split. Closed remainder of 1st split, second and third splits are same as outside EXCEPT Youth Hunt on Northern tract during the opening day of the first segment (Sept. 2). Hunt restricted to youths younger than 16 years of age and supervising adult who must be 18 years of age or older. The supervising adult must maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

Waterfowl: Same as outside season EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Bird Dog Training: Sept. 7-Nov. 13 and Feb. 1-March 2 EXCEPT restricted to that portion south of LA Hwy. 10 only and EXCEPT blank pistols only. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited).

Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge Region Office.

Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited.

Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas.

No motorized vehicles off designated roads.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

39. SHERBURNE (Department Owned - 11,780 Acres; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - 15,220 Acres; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - 14,000 Acres, Region 6):

The area known as the South Farm is located on the East Side of Sherburne WMA. No hunting will be allowed EXCEPT waterfowl hunting within the levee system of the farm from the day after the Youth Deer Hunt until the day after waterfowl season closes including the Youth Waterfowl Hunt. Waterfowl hunting will be

allowed by lottery only. Hunting will be allowed in the wooded portions east of the waterfowl impoundments. Consult the WMA maps for exact locations.

Area Closed: Nov. 4-5 EXCEPT to Youth and Handicapped hunters.

Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunt: Nov. 4-5 either-sex, ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED. Permits for handicapped hunters must be obtained from Region Offices. Youth and Handicapped Permits must be obtained daily from WMA Permit Stations.

Deer: Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 2-3, either-sex, Daily Permit required; Dec. 30-Jan. 7, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permits.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 8-14, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunt for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 15-Feb. 11.

Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail, & Gallinules: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer (excluding the South Farm Complex) and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited EXCEPT no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge and EXCEPT steel shot only on waterfowl impoundments. That portion of Sherburne WMA known as the South Farm restricted to Lottery hunts only. All other hunting closed on South Farm complex Nov. 6-Jan. 23. Contact the Region Office for details and description of "South Farm."

Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Dove: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer.

Quail: CLOSED.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 15-28, Permit required from WMA Headquarters or Opelousas Office.

Crawfishing: April 1-July 31, Recreational crawfishing only on the North and South Farm Complexes. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per vehicle or boat per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed on farm complex. Commercial crawfishing allowed on the remainder of the area. Permit is required.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details.

Vehicular traffic prohibited on East Atchafalaya River Basin levee road within Sherburne WMA boundaries.

Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office, telephone (225) 765-2931. No trespassing in restricted areas behind ranges.

Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

40. SICILY ISLAND HILLS (Department Owned - 7,504 Acres, Region 4):

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Daily Permit required; Nov. 26, Dec. 16-24, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2:00 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Firearms and any game harvested may not be transported through the area EXCEPT during the corresponding open season on area.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

41. SODA LAKE (Caddo Levee District - 1,300 Acres, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers-1,200 Acres. Region 1):

Note: Due to the addition of new acreage the management plan for Soda Lake WMA is being developed. Contact the Minden Region office (318)-371-3050 for possible changes in regulations and maps.

No motorized vehicles allowed. Bicycles allowed. Vehicle parking allowed only in designated parking area on La. Hwy. 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer.

Deer: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex, archery only.

Sport Fishing: Apr. 1-Aug. 31.

42. SPRING BAYOU (Department Owned - 12,506 Acres, Region 6):

Area Closed: Nov. 4-5, EXCEPT to Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Nov. 4-5, either-sex.

Deer: Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Daily Permit required; Nov. 27 and Dec. 30-Jan. 7, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 8-14, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer, EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and EXCEPT no hunting in Refuge area during duck season. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Region Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Permit required from area supervisor.

No hunting allowed in Headquarters area.

Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and Regulations posted at campsite. A fee is assessed for use of this campsite.

Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

43. THISTLETHWAITE (Owner - Thistlethwaite Heirs -11,100 Acres, Region 6):

Deer: Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Daily Permit; Dec. 2-10, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 18-24, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA map).

All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only.

All users must enter and leave through Main Gate only.

No entry into restricted areas.

44. THREE RIVERS (Department Owned - 26,205 Acres; Office of State Lands-835 Acres, U.S. Corps of Engineers - 1,085 Acres, Region 4):

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Daily Permit required; Nov. 26 and Dec. 30-Jan. 7, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. is prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 15-28.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.

45. TUNICA HILLS (Department Owned - 5,358 Acres, Region 7):

All management area users, including non-hunters, must have Daily Self-Clearing Permit.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 24-Dec. 10, either-sex.

Archery: Same as outside. All deer killed must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed Nov. 24-Dec. 10 and waterfowl hunting after 2:00 p.m. prohibited. All handguns and .22 caliber rifles prohibited north of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract).

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATVs restricted to designated trails. Driving on food plots prohibited. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map.

Camping prohibited on area.

North of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract) closed to the general public March 1-September 30 EXCEPT spring turkey hunting access allowed for those individuals drawn for special lottery hunt.

46. UNION (Owner - Plum Creek Timber Co., Louisiana Correctional Facilities Corp., et al - 12,852 Acres, Region 2):

Deer: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

47. WEST BAY (Owner - Boise-Cascade Co., Kirby Lumber Co., et al - 63,511 Acres, Region 5):

Area Closed: Oct. 21-22, to all hunters EXCEPT youth and handicapped hunters.

Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters: Oct. 21-22, for handicapped and youth hunters only. Permit for handicapped hunters must be obtained in advance from the Region Office. Youth Permits must be obtained from the Wolf Bay Camping Area Permit Station on Hwy. 112.

Deer: Nov. 4-5, either-sex, Daily Permit required; Nov. 6-23, bucks only; Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 27-Dec. 3, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 13-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 6-Feb. 11. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 15-Feb. 11, permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

Road Travel and Hunting Restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

48. WISNER (Owner - Edward Wisner Donation Advisory Committee - 15,000 Acres, Region 7):

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT rabbit season closed during open waterfowl season. Beagles allowed during closed waterfowl season.

KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

(EXCEPT Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District & Caney Ranger District)

Deer: Oct. 28-29, either-sex, muzzleloader; Nov. 4-5, either-sex, still hunt only; Nov. 6-13, bucks only, still hunt only; Nov. 18-23, bucks only, still hunt only; Nov. 24, either-sex, still hunt only; Nov. 25-26, bucks only, still hunt only; Dec. 9, either-sex, with or without dogs; Dec. 10, bucks only, with or without dogs; Dec. 28-Jan. 1, bucks only, with or without dogs.

National Forest lands within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District,

described in still hunt only area shall be still hunt only.

**VERNON UNIT OF THE CALCASIEU RANGER DISTRICT
VERNON PARISH Excluding Fort Polk WMA**

Deer: Oct. 28-29, either-sex, muzzleloader; Nov. 4-5, either-sex, still hunt only; Nov. 6-13, bucks only, still hunt only; Nov. 18-23, bucks only, still hunt only; Nov. 24, either-sex, still hunt only; Nov. 25-26, bucks only, still hunt only; Dec. 9-10, bucks only, still hunt only; Dec. 28-Jan. 1, bucks only, still hunt only.

CANEY RANGER DISTRICT, WEBSTER AND CLAIBORNE PARISHES

Deer: Same as outside (Area 2) EXCEPT still hunt only. *See Area 2 for either-sex dates in Webster and Claiborne Parishes.

OTHER SEASONS ON KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

All Other Small Game: Same as outside.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters while hunting and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress.

The placing of seed, corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement for any species including hogs is prohibited on National Forest Lands, EXCEPT by Special Permit issued by the U.S. Forest Service. Hunting over such feed is prohibited on all National Forest lands.

Moving deer or hogs with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noise or noise-making devices is prohibited.

Raccoons and opossums may be taken during daylight or nighttime from Oct. 7-Feb. 28 only. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, EXCEPT during the trapping season when there shall be no limit.

NATIONAL CATAHOULA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE

(Owner - Kisatchie National Forest - 36,000 Acres in Grant and Winn Parishes):

Season Permit required from Forest Supervisors Office in addition to Daily Permits required as indicated below:

Deer: Oct. 14-15, either-sex, special youth hunt, Daily Permit. Also, either-sex, special season for physically challenged hunters with a LDWF Physically Challenged Hunt Permit, Daily Permit; Oct. 28-29, either-sex, muzzleloader; Nov. 4-5, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit; Nov. 24, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit; Nov. 25-26, bucks only, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbit Jan. 13-Feb. 28 only. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the Wildlife Management Preserve.

Squirrel: Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 13-Feb. 11.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Dogs allowed Jan. 13-30.

All Other Game: Consult Regulations Pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

NATIONAL RED DIRT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE

(Owner - Kisatchie National Forest - 38,000 Acres in Natchitoches Parish):

Season Permit required from Forest Supervisors Office in addition to Daily Permits required as indicated below:

Deer: Oct. 14-15, either-sex special youth hunt, Daily Permit. Also, either-sex, special season for physically challenged hunters with a LDWF Physically Challenged Hunt Permit, Daily Permit; Oct. 28-29, either-sex, muzzleloader; Nov.

4-5, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit; Nov. 24, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit; Nov. 25-26, bucks only, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbit Jan. 13-Feb. 28, only. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the Wildlife Management Preserve.

Squirrel: Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 13-Feb. 11.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Dogs allowed Jan. 13-Feb. 11.

All Other Game: Consult Regulations Pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

To obtain permits and information contact: Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, LA 71360, telephone (318) 473-7160. Office hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS - INDIAN BAYOU AREA

(18,000 Acres within St. Landry Parish):

Annual Hunting Permit required. Permits may be obtained from Corps of Engineers Headquarters, 112 Speck Lane, Port Barre, LA 70577, telephone (318) 585-0854 or 585-0853 for more information.

All hunting shall be still hunting only, EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

Area Closed: Nov. 4-5, EXCEPT to youth and handicapped hunters.

Youth & Handicapped Hunters Deer Hunt: Nov. 4-5, either-sex. ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED.

All Other Deer Hunting: Self-Clearing Deer Tag Required. Daily Limit-1 Deer; Yearly Limit-4 Deer (2 Does; 2 Bucks, 6-Points or better) EXCEPT spikes less than 3 inches legal on either-sex days ONLY.

Deer: Nov. 24-26, either-sex; Dec. 2-3, either-sex Dec. 30-Jan. 7, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 11-17, either-sex; Jan. 22-28, bucks only.

Archery: Same as outside season.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Dogs allowed for squirrels and rabbits Jan. 13-Jan. 21 and Jan. 29-Feb. 11. Dogs allowed for rabbits Feb. 12-Feb. 28.

Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail & Gallinule: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer. Additional Permit required for night hunting.

Crawfishing: Feb. 1-Aug. 31 Additional Permit required, available Jan. 1.

Dove and Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer.

Quail: Closed.

Federal Refuges, National Parks and other lands Hunting Seasons
2000-2001

For Commission Consideration and Approval

Not for Inclusion in the Regulations Pamphlet

Properties Include:

Federal Refuges
Jean Lafitte National Park
Camp Avondale Scout Ranch
Avery Island
Barksdale Air Force Base
Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant
FMHA Properties owned by the Department

**BAYOU COCODRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
(Proposed) 2000-2001 HUNT SCHEDULE**

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

RABBIT AND SQUIRREL

General Gun

Oct. 7 - Nov. 10

Jan. 22 - Feb. 11, 2000 *with a 2 day*

State Regulations

General Permits

Added one week onto second hunt

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

DEER (EITHER SEX)

Archery

Nov. 4 - Nov. 10

Nov. 17 - Jan. 19, 2000

State Regulations

General Permits

None

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

DEER (EITHER SEX)

General Gun (Youth Hunt)

Nov. 11 - 12

State Regulations

General Permits

None

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

DEER (EITHER SEX)

Muzzleloader

Nov. 13 - Nov. 16

Jan. 20 - 21 (lottery)

State Regulations

General Permits

Added a two day lottery hunt

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

WOODCOCK

General Gun

Jan. 22 - Jan. 30, 2000

State Regulations

General Permits

None

Proposed Hunt Dates: Big Branch Marsh NWR 2000 - 2001

Deer: Archery—State season

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck season, includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Additionally: The first three weekends of the regular state duck season will be a lottery draw hunt. A total of 150 draw permits will be issued for each weekend of this period.

Squirrel: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer season. Shotguns only, non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.

Rabbit: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer season. Shotguns only, non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.

Gallinules & Rails: State Season. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.

Snipe & Woodcock: State Season. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

Quail: State Season. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

Hogs: May be taken only during the refuge archery hunt.

Possession of lead shot during all refuge hunts is prohibited.

Recommended By:


Refuge Manager

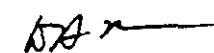
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Approved By:


District Manager, USFWS (RF-1)

2/9/00
Date

Concurrence By:


Louisiana Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries

9 Feb 2000
Date

Proposed Hunt Dates: Bogue Chitto NWR (Louisiana) 2000-2001

Deer: Archery--October 1-31 (either sex), January 1-14 (either sex)

Deer: General Gun Hunt--November 25²⁴~~25~~ (either sex), November 18-³~~24~~, December 16-24 (Bucks only)

Still hunt only, no dogs permitted during refuge deer hunts.

Squirrel: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer season. Non-toxic shot only.

Rabbit: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer season. Non-toxic shot only.

Raccoon: January 15 - February 28 (with dogs)

Turkey: State season (gobblers only)

Waterfowl: State season until noon

Woodcock: State season. Non-toxic shot only - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

Hogs: May be taken only during the refuge deer archery and general gun hunts. Additionally: from January 15 - February 28, hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs during daylight hours only. All hogs must be killed prior to removal from the refuge.

Possession of lead shot during refuge small game hunts is prohibited.

Recommended By: Howard Portwint 2/9/2000
Refuge Manager Date

Approved By: [Signature] 2/9/00
District Manager, USFWS (RF-1) Date

Concurrence By: ADA 9 Feb 2001
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Date

**CAMERON PRAIRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
2000 HUNT SEASON**

Species:	Either-sex deer
Type hunt:	Archery
Season:	All dates of October
Bag limit:	State regulations
Permits:	Season permits required
Other requirements:	Must have proof of completion for the International Bowhunters Education Program.
Stands:	Only portable stands may be used and must be removed by October 31 of each year.
Firearms:	None are allowed
Check stations:	All deer harvested must be checked at a self-clearing check station.
Significant changes:	None

Youth Waterfowl Hunt: 2000

Species:	Waterfowl (ducks & geese)
Type hunt:	Limited Youth (up to 2) accompanied by an adult. 5 blinds hunted/day
Season:	Selected Saturdays of Louisiana west zone duck season. Possibly 1 - 2 days during Thanksgiving & Christmas school holidays.
Bag limit:	State regulations
Permits:	One day permits to be issued through lottery drawing.
Other requirements:	All youth and adult participants must have proof of completion of Louisiana hunter education course or accepted state hunter education course.
Firearms:	Shotguns with approved non-toxic shot.
Significant changes:	No goose only hunts will be conducted during 2000

Experimental Rabbit Hunt: 2000

Species:	Rabbits (swamp & cottontail)
Type hunt:	Limited lottery drawn hunts. Remaining Saturdays of rabbit season following the closure of waterfowl season.
Bag Limit:	State regulations
Permits:	Five group (up to six individuals), one day permits to be issued through lottery drawing.
Other requirements:	Hunts will be conducted between 8:00AM & 4:00PM. Up to 4 dogs may be used at one time. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used during experimental rabbit season.
Firearms:	Shotguns with approved non-toxic shot.
Significant changes:	First experimental rabbit hunt. If unforeseen problems arise, experimental rabbit hunt will not be conducted in following years.

Experimental Snipe Hunt: 2000

Species:	Snipe
Type hunt:	General public
Season:	Remaining dates of snipe season following the closure of waterfowl season. Hunts will be conducted from 12:00 noon to sunset Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday.
Bag Limit:	State regulations
Permits:	Season permits required
Other requirements:	Daily harvest data must be completed following hunt and placed in collection box prior to departing refuge.
Firearms:	Shotguns with approved non-toxic shot
Significant changes:	First experimental snipe hunt. If unforeseen problems arise, experimental snipe hunt will not be conducted in following years.

CATAHOULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Hunt Programs For 2000-2001

Species:	Squirrel (rabbit, raccoon, and unmarked hog incidental -no dogs)
Type Hunt:	Gun (.22 rifle or shotgun w/non-toxic shot)
Season:	First day of State season through October 31, and from end of waterfowl season through February 11, 2001 Rabbit hunting with dogs (Justiss Field only). End of waterfowl season through February 28, 2001
Bag Limit:	State Regulations
Permits:	Season permit and daily bag report
Species:	Deer and unmarked hog (squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon incidental)
Type Hunt:	Archery
Season:	State season
Bag Limit:	State regulations (either-sex)
Permits:	Season permit and daily bag report
Proposed Changes:	None

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RUSHLEY BAYOU UNIT

INTERIM HUNTING PROGRAMS

Note: Hunting programs will be implemented to the extent possible if land acquisition is completed prior to the start of the State hunting seasons. Refuge Hunting Plan is currently being revised. Migratory bird hunting will require opening of the refuge through the Federal Register Process to this activity.

Waterfowl	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until 2:00pm State season (closed during gun deer hunts) Hunting area south of Greens Creek and section 22/23 access road
Waterfowl (Limited Youth)	State Youth Waterfowl Day Proof of Hunter Education Required
Doves, Rails, Gallinules, Snipe	Incidental species may be taken during refuge hunts if state season is open
Rabbit and Squirrel (without dogs)	1 st Saturday in Oct. through end of duck season
Rabbit and Squirrel (with/without dogs)	Close of waterfowl season through end of State squirrel season
Woodcock (with/without dogs)	State season (Dec. 13 - Jan. 31)
Hogs, Raccoons (without dogs)	Incidental species may be taken during all refuge hunts
Deer (Archery)	Oct. 1 through Jan. 31 (closed during gun deer hunts) Proof of certification required
Deer (Muzzleloader)	Dec 2-5 (Same dates as Dewey Wills WMA) Either-sex, one deer per day
Deer (Firearm)	Nov. 26-27 (Same dates as Dewey Wills WMA) (Limited Permit) Either-sex, one deer per day

D'ARBONNE AND UPPER OUACHITA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES
PROPOSED SEASONS, 2000-2001* ** ***

Species: Waterfowl
Season: Mornings only during State season except
closed for early teal season
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: Mollicy Unit remains open to goose hunting
after duck season closes.

Species: Squirrel, rabbit, quail, woodcock,
Type Hunt: General -- dogs allowed for squirrel
and rabbit hunting after the last
refuge deer gun season
Season: State season
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: Steel shot required for shotguns

Species: Raccoon and opossum
Type Hunt: General
Season: December only (may also take raccoons and
opossum during rabbit season)
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-sex deer
Type Hunt: Archery
Season: State season
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-sex deer (D'Arbonne)
Type Hunt: General (gun, muzzleloader, archery)
Season: November 4-5, November 24-25
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-sex deer and hogs (Upper Ouachita
only)
Type Hunt: General (gun, muzzleloader, archery)
Season: All either sex dates in Union Parish
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: Special hunt to reduce hog population on
Upper Ouachita. Hunt will be eliminated
once hog population reaches acceptable
levels

Species: Either-sex deer, D'Arbonne NWR only
Type Hunt: Handicapped
Season: November 18-19
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: New hunt. For hunters with Physically
Challenged Hunters Permit

* the refuge hunting brochure serves as the required permit

** beaver, coyote and feral hog may be taken during any of the
above seasons

*** The area outside the levee on the Mollicy Unit of Upper
Ouachita NWR will be open the same as the rest of the refuge

Proposed Hunt Dates: Delta NWR 2000 - 2001

Deer: Archery--October 1-31 (either sex) and from the day after the close of the state duck season through January 31.

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck seasons, includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Additionally: The refuge shall be open on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the 'light goose' special conservation season.

Rabbit: ^{Feb 1-28} ~~From the day after the close of the state duck season through February 28. Shotguns only, nontoxic shot only, Beagles permitted, when duck and archery season are closed.~~

Hogs: May be taken during the deer archery hunt.

Possession of lead shot during all refuge hunts is prohibited.

Recommended By: Howard Portwint 2/9/2000
Refuge Manager Date

Approved By: [Signature] 2/9/00
District Manager, USFWS (RF-1) Date

Concurrence By: [Signature] 9 Feb 2000
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Date

**LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 2000/2001 SEASON**

Migratory Game Birds

Species:	Waterfowl and gallinules
Type Hunt:	General gun.
Waterfowl Season:	Mornings until noon on Wednesday through Sunday during State duck seasons (including early teal and youth hunt) for western zone.
Gallinule Season:	Mornings until noon on Wednesday through Sunday during State duck seasons until end of State gallinule season (including early teal and youth hunt) for western zone.
Bag Limit:	Same as state bag limits.
Permits:	Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.
Significant Changes:	None.

Hunting of geese, ducks, coots, and gallinules is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is permitted Wednesday through Sunday.
2. Hunting ends at noon each day.
3. Hunters may not enter the hunting area before 4 am.
4. Hunting is not permitted within 50 yards of a canal or waterway.
5. Hunters must use and be in possession only of shells containing Federally approved non-toxic shot and firearms legal for hunting waterfowl.
6. Only portable blinds are permitted. Blinds must be spaced a minimum of 150 yards apart.
7. Decoys may not be set to attract waterfowl after noon each day.
8. Decoys and blinds must be removed from the refuge by the last day of each season and each split of a split season.
9. Hunting is not permitted during the goose-only portion of the waterfowl season.
10. Motorized boats may be used only in canals and bayous. Access into the marsh and ponds is permitted by walking, poling, paddling or rowing.
11. Hunters may scout in the hunting area from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset during the week prior to each season.

**LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 2000/2001 SEASON**

Big Game

Species:	Deer, either sex.
Type Hunt:	Archery.
Season:	October 1 through 31.
Bag Limit:	One deer of either sex per day.
Permits:	Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.
Significant Changes:	None

Hunting of white-tailed deer is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is permitted from October 1 through October 31.
2. Only archery hunting is permitted.
3. Permanent deer stands not permitted. Portable stands must be removed by October 31.
4. No person may possess or distribute bait or hunt over bait.
5. No firearms allowed.
6. Hunters may scout from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset prior to the season.
7. All boats are prohibited in Lacassine Pool and Unit A after October 15. The following boat access restrictions apply: Lacassine Pool - boats with motors of 25 h.p. or less from Oct. 1 - 15; Unit A - boats without motors from Oct. 1 - 15; Canals and Bayous outside Lacassine Pool - no limitation on motors Oct. 1 - 31; and Marshes outside Lacassine Pool - boats without motors Oct. 1 - 31.

LA Hunt Coordination Meeting

2000-01 Hunting Season

MANDALAY NWR

Deer and Hog

Archery only from October 1 - 31.

Waterfowl

Lottery draw for 5 permanent 3-man blinds on Wednesday and Saturday of state season.
Saturday hunts require youth (age 10-15) participation.

BAYOU TECHE NWR (Experimental Season)

No property has been acquired at this time.

*Private
lands are available*

Upon acquisition, the following experimental hunts will be available during the entire state seasons:

Deer (Archery only, either sex, one deer/day)

Raccoon

Rabbit

Squirrel

Woodcock

Hogs (may be taken during archery or small game hunts)

Waterfowl

Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday until noon.

Dogs are only allowed for woodcock and waterfowl hunts.

**SABINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
2000-2001 PROPOSED HUNTING REGULATIONS**

SPECIES:	Early Teal (September)
TYPE HUNT:	General Gun
SEASON:	Morning until noon on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday during the Louisiana season for the Western Zone
BAG LIMIT:	Same as State
PERMITS:	Hunting regulations serve as permit
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:	None

SPECIES:	Waterfowl (Ducks, Coots, and Geese)
TYPE HUNT:	General Gun
SEASON:	Morning until noon on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday during the Louisiana season for the Western Zone
BAG LIMIT:	Same as State
PERMITS:	Hunting regulations serve as permit
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:	None

SPECIES:	Waterfowl (Ducks, Coots, and Geese)
TYPE HUNT:	Youth Hunt Only
SEASON:	Same as State
BAG LIMIT:	Same as State
PERMITS:	Hunting regulations serve as permit
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:	None

Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge 2000 - 2001 Proposed Hunt Schedule

Species:	Turkey
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	March 25 - April 23, 2000
Bag Limit:	2 per License Year
Permit:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None

Species:	Squirrel (No Dogs)
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Oct. 7 - Dec. 8 (Closed During Deer Gun Hunts)
Bag Limit:	State Limits Apply
Permit:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None

Species:	Squirrel (With / Without Dogs)
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Dec 11 - Jan 31 Feb. 11.
Bag Limit:	State Limits Apply
Permit:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None

Species:	Rabbit (No Dogs)
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Oct. 7 - Dec. 8 (Closed During Deer Gun Hunts)
Bag Limit:	State Limits Apply
Permit:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None

Species:	Rabbit (With / Without Dogs)
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Dec 11 - Jan 31 Feb 11
Bag Limit:	State Limits Apply
Permit:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None

Species:
Type Hunt:
Season:
Bag Limit:
Permit:
Significant Changes:

Raccoon
General Gun
Dec 11 - Jan 31 *Feb 11*
State Limits Apply
Season Permit on Brochure
None

Species:
Type Hunt:
Season:
Bag Limit:
Permit:
Significant Changes:

Either-Sex Deer
Archery
Oct 28 - Jan 31
State Limits Apply
Season Permit on Brochure
None

Species:
Type Hunt:
Season:
Bag Limit:
Permit:
Significant Changes:

Either-Sex Deer
Youth
Nov ~~11~~ - ~~12~~ *4-5*
One Deer per Day
Season Permit on Brochure Proof of Hunter
Education Required
None

Species:
Type Hunt:
Season:
Bag Limit:
Permit:
Significant Changes:

Either-Sex Deer
Limited Youth
Dec 27 - 28, 2000
One Deer per Day
Season Permit on Brochure Proof of Hunter
Education Required

Species:
Type Hunt:
Season:
Bag Limit:
Permit:
Significant Changes:

Either-Sex Deer
Muzzleloader
Nov 27 - Dec 1
One Deer per Day
Season Permit on Brochure
None

Species:
Type Hunt:
Season:
Bag Limit:
Permit:
Significant Changes:

Either-Sex Deer
General Gun - 1
Nov 24 - 25
One Deer Per Day
Limited Permit Hunt (Lottery)
None

Species: Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt: General Gun - 2
Season: Dec 9 - 10
Bag Limit: One Deer Per Day
Permit: Limited Permit Hunt (Lottery)
Significant Changes: None

Species: Waterfowl
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: Tues. Thur. Sat. Sun. Until Noon During
Regular State Season. Closed During Gun
Hunts For Deer
Bag Limit: State Limits Apply
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: Additional Acreage Open

Species: Waterfowl
Type Hunt: Limited Youth
Season: State Youth Waterfowl Day
Bag Limit: State limits Apply
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure Proof of Hunter
Education Required
Significant Changes: New 2nd Time

Species: Hogs
Type Hunt: General Gun and Archery
Season: Open during squirrel, rabbit, and archery
season. Closed during general gun hunts for
deer, muzzleloader hunt, turkey season.
Daylight hours only.
Bag Limit: State Limits Apply
Permit: Season Permits on Brochure
Significant Changes: None

Species: Woodcock
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: Dec 11 - Jan 31
Bag Limit: State Limits Apply
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: None



IN REPLY, REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve
365 Canal Street, Suite 2400
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130-1142

N1615 (JELA)

February 28, 2000

James H. Jenkins, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries
P.O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898

Re: 2000-2001 Hunting Seasons

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve proposes the following dates for its 2000-2001 hunting seasons within the Barataria Preserve unit in Jefferson Parish, area six:

Deer (and Eurasian Wild Boar, either sex)

Archery

October 14-December 17, 2000

December 30, 2000-January 21, 2001

Either Sex

October 14-December 3, 2000

Still Hunt (shotgun only)

November 18-December 3, 2000

December 9-17, 2000

December 30, 2000-January 21, 2001

Either Sex

November 18-19, December 9-10, 2000

Small Game

October 16-December 17, 2000

December 30, 2000-January 21, 2001

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As in the past, seasons within the preserve track dates of the State season. All hunting ends daily at 12 noon. Hunting is by permit only.

We have enclosed for your perusal a copy of the 1999-2000 Barataria Preserve hunting brochure and map.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call David Muth, Chief of Resource Management, on (504) 589-3882, extension 128.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Geraldine Smith".

Geraldine Smith
Superintendent

cc: David Moreland, Deer Study Leader
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL

The Department requests the Commission approve a special either-sex deer season for the Camp Avondale Scout Reservation in East Feliciana Parish:

November 11-12-13, 2000.

Purpose of the Scout Hunt

There are 2 primary reasons for the Scout Deer Hunt on the Avondale Boy Scout Reservation:

1. To provide some quality outdoor recreational opportunities for the Scouts, and to promote a close father/son activity.
2. To provide a biological control of the deer herd. Without some type of hunting the deer herd will continue to expand beyond the ability of the range to support it. Overpopulation will result in deterioration of the range and decline in herd health.

Background

Most of East Feliciana Parish has a late deer rut occurring from mid-December to early January. When the Scout hunt was first initiated 15 years ago it was conducted late in the year. The resulting kill was very low despite high deer populations. A number of years later Department Biologist, Dave Moreland discovered and was able to document the deer herd in the Avondale area had very early rut similar that encountered in western Louisiana. It was determined there is a small area near Clinton which exhibits the odd early rut.

For a number of years the Department designated an earlier opening season zone for this small area which enabled hunters to take advantage of the early rut. Several years ago a group of local landowners circulated a petition requesting this deer hunting season area be moved back into the later zone and be similar to that of the rest of the parish. No significant objection was heard from most other landowners in the small zone, and after being warned most of the rut would be over before the season even started, the Department went ahead and moved the small block back into the later Area 1 zone. Special Commission approval has been obtained to hold an early hunt on the Scout Reservation ever since.

Need for the Special Season

The purpose of the Avondale Scout Reservation is to provide a place for as much Scouting activity as possible to be conducted. The Scout Office is concerned when a gun hunt is held on the Reservation, as all other Scouting activities must be shut down

during the hunt for obvious safety and liability reasons.

Understandably, the Scout Office is reluctant to shut the Reservation down any longer than absolutely necessary to adequately control the deer population. Therefore, it is necessary to shoot the deer herd as hard as possible in the shortest period of time. Deer activity and movement is at its highest during the rut. This is why we want to schedule Reservation hunt during the rut when the deer are most active and vulnerable to harvest.

As previously stated, the deer rut on the Avondale Scout Reservation has been documented to occur the first two weeks of November. This is before the Area 1 season opens.

A special Commission approved early season allowing the Boy Scout Office to control the deer herd on Avondale Scout Reservation is requested.

**HUTCHINSON CREEK WMA
PROPOSED REGULATIONS 2000-2001**

Daily Self Clearing Permit required for all management area users.

Small Game and Turkey: Same as outside EXCEPT dogs permitted for rabbits Feb. 3-11.

Deer: Archery only, Oct. 1 - Jan. 31.

No camping on area.

SPECIAL AREAS FOR COMMISSION ACTION

Avery Island

Deer season same as outside with Area 7 season dates and the entire season is either sex.

Barksdale Air Force Base

All season dates conform to the state at large. All deer seasons are either sex.

Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant

All season dates conform to the state at large. All deer seasons are either sex.

FMHA TRACTS FOR COMMISSION ACTION

HUTCHINSON CREEK WMA PROPOSED REGULATIONS 2000-2001

Daily Self Clearing Permit required for all management area users.

Small Game and Turkey: Same as outside EXCEPT dogs permitted for rabbits Feb. 3-11.

Deer: Archery only, Oct. 1 - Jan. 31.

No camping on area.

Elbow Slough

Dove hunting is allowed the same as outside for the first split only. Steel shot is required. No other hunting is allowed.

Marsh Bayou and Walnut Hill

Small Game: Same as outside

Deer: Same as outside except still hunting only. (Marsh Bayou-Area 2; Walnut Hill-Area 3)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 6, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, July 6, 2000.

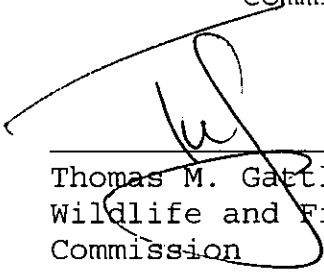
WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting rules and regulations for the State and WMAs, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish regulations that govern public and private lands is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

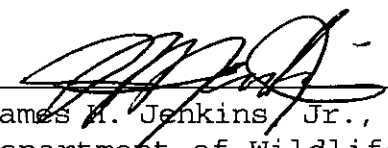
WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all information pertinent to the rule and regulations governing hunting, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules and regulations affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.



Thomas M. Gattie, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 2000 Louisiana Register, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July does hereby ratify rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Seasons

§111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Sections 115 and 116 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

2. Pursuant to Section 40.1 of Title 56 of the

Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

B. Resident Game Birds and Animals

1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

C. Other Season Dates

1. Turkey. Please refer to separate pamphlet.

2. Raccoon and Opossum. No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire, muzzleloader rifle .36 caliber or smaller or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain

WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

3. Blackbirds and crows. ALL blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles and crows are considered crop depredators in Louisiana and may therefore be taken year round during legal shooting hours with no limit. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

4. Pheasant

a. Bag limit - 2 (males only). Possession limit - 4.

b. Pheasant season restricted to the following portion of Calcasieu and Cameron parishes: That portion west of Choupique Bayou south of U.S. 90 and La. 27, west of La. 27 to north boundary of Sabine NWR, north of Sabine NWR north boundary to Sabine River, east of Sabine River to Intracoastal waterway, south of Intracoastal waterway to Gum Cove, east of Gum Cove Road to La. 108, north and east of La. 108 from Gum Cove Road to U.S. 90, and south of U.S. 90 from Vinton to Choupique Bayou.

5. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species except turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations EXCEPT squirrels may be taken by licensed falconers until the last day of February. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific Falconry Rules.

6. Licensed Hunting Preserve. October 1 - April 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific Hunting Preserve Rules.

7. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Land enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and 5¢/acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked to antlerless deer (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow and muzzleloader) through the hock in a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is moved from the site of the kill. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in immediate cancellation of the program on those lands involved. Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP Rules.

8. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer and Exotics on Licensed Supplemented Shooting Preserves

a. Definitions

Exotics: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the family Bovidae (except the Tribe Bovini [cattle]) or

Cervidae which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve. Exotics shall include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black buck antelope.

Hunting: In its different tenses and for purposes of this rule means to take or attempt to take, in accordance with R.S. 56:8.

Same as Outside: For purposes of this rule means hunting on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting and deer hunting, as provided for in Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC).

Supplemented Hunting Preserve: For purposes of this rule means any enclosure for which a current Farm-Raising License has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF to permit hunting.

White-tailed Deer: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the species Odocoileus virginianus which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve.

b. Seasons

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Consult the

regulations pamphlet.

- ii. Exotics: year round.

- c. Methods of Take

- i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

- ii. Exotics: Exotics may be taken with longbow (including compound bow) and arrow; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber centerfire; or muzzleloading rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, using black powder or an approved substitute only, and using ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only.

- d. Shooting Hours

- i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

- ii. Exotics: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

- e. Bag Limit

- i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

- ii. Exotics: No limit.

- f. Hunting Licenses

- i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

- ii. Exotics: No person shall hunt any exotic without possessing a valid basic and big game hunting license.

g. Tagging. White-tailed Deer and Exotics: Each animal shall be tagged in the left ear or left antler immediately upon being killed and before being moved from the site of the kill with a tag provided by the LDAF. The tag shall remain with the carcass at all times.

D. Hunting-General Provisions

1. A basic resident or non-resident hunting license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

2. No person born on or after September 1, 1969 shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course taught or approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. However, a person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct and immediate supervision of a person 18 years of age or older.

3. A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer or turkey. A separate wild turkey stamp is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

4. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

5. Methods of taking resident game birds and quadrupeds

a. Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey and migratory game birds. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle or handgun larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than .36 caliber. During closed deer gun season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

b. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, and will be strictly enforced. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly. Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific

restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

6. Nuisance animals. Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means EXCEPT that nutria cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. With a special permit issued by the Department, beavers may be taken between one-half hour after official sunset to one-half hour before official sunrise for a period of three consecutive calendar evenings from the effective date of the permit. For specific details contact a regional office near you. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required to possess, sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken during open trapping season. Squirrels found destroying commercial crops of pecans may be taken year-round by permit issued by the Department. This permit shall be valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. Contact the local regional office for details.

7. Threatened and endangered species - Louisiana black bear, Louisiana pearl shell (mussel), sea turtles, gopher tortoise, ringed sawback turtle, brown pelican, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, whooping crane, Eskimo curlew, piping plover, interior least tern, ivory-billed woodpecker, red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's warbler, West Indian manatee, Florida panther, pallid sturgeon,

Gulf sturgeon, Attwater's greater prairie chicken, whales and red wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

8. Unregulated quadrupeds. Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes, unmarked hogs where legal, and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to "chase only" during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only season for deer. Foxes and bobcats are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" permitted by licensed hunters.

9. Hunting and/or discharging firearms on public roads. Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or public road right-of-way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and rights-of-way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.

10. Tags. Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and big game

license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil, on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material, which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with bow and muzzleloader and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill.

11. Sex identification. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on any deer taken or killed within the State of Louisiana, or on all turkeys taken or killed during any special gobbler season when killing of turkey hens is prohibited, so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is en route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. One antlered and one antlerless (when legal on private lands) deer per day EXCEPT on Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Six per season (all segments included)

by all methods of take.

2. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing does is prohibited except where specifically allowed.

3. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise allowed.

4. Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.

5. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.

6. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

7. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is allowed in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically

designated as still hunting only. Use of dogs to trail wounded deer is expressly prohibited in still hunting areas.

8. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

9. Muzzleloader Segment: (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special state, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons.) Still hunt only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Muzzleloader license required for resident hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT Area 5 and as specified on Public Areas. It is unlawful to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special muzzleloader segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

a. Legal Muzzleloader Firearms For Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets and be fitted only with iron sights or non-magnifying scopes EXCEPT persons 60 years of age or older may use magnified scopes. This includes those muzzleloaders known as "inline" muzzleloaders.

10. Archery Segment: Consult regulations pamphlet. WMA seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. Archery license required for resident bow hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Residents 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. Either sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, archer's must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Pass-a-Loutre and Point-au-Chien WMAs (SEE SCHEDULE).

a. Bow and arrow regulations: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

(a). to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season EXCEPT it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot) only.

(b). to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means except that hand held releases are lawful.

(c). to hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.

(d). to hunt with a bow or crossbow fitted with an infrared or laser sight.

11. Hunter orange. Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season including muzzleloader season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a cap or a hat that is completely covered with hunter orange material in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not allowed by agreement of the landowner or lessee. WARNING: DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING "HUNTER ORANGE".

12. Special handicapped either-sex deer season on private land. See regulations pamphlet for dates. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

13. Special Youth Deer Hunt. See regulations pamphlet for dates.

F. Description of Areas

1. Area 1

a. All of the following parishes are open: Catahoula, East Feliciana, St. Helena, Concordia, Franklin, Tensas, East Baton Rouge, Madison, Washington.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles - North of La. 1.

ii. Catahoula - All EXCEPT that portion lying north and east of the Ouachita River to the Boeuf River. West of Boeuf River north to Caldwell parish line.

iii. Grant - East of U.S. 165 and south of La. 8.

iv. LaSalle - Portion south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.

v. Livingston - North of I-12.

vi. Rapides - East of U.S. 165 and north of Red River.

vii. St. Tammany - All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to

Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

viii. Tangipahoa - North of I-12.

ix. West Feliciana - All EXCEPT that portion known as Raccourci and Turnbull Island.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Avoyelles - That portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by La. 451 and on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville, southward to its juncture with La. 451.

ii. Catahoula - South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to La. 8 at Harrisonburg, west of La. 8 to La. 913, west of La. 913 and La. 15 to Deer Creek.

iii. East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge - East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi line to La. 10. North of La. 10 from Thompson Creek to La. 67 at Clinton, west of La. 67 from Clinton to Mississippi line. South of Mississippi line from La. 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of La. 67 from La. 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from La. 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to La. 64, north of La. 64 to La. 37 at Magnolia, east of La. 37 northward to La. 64 at Indian Mound, north of La. 64

from Indian Mound to La. 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of La. 67 from parish line north to La. 959, south of La. 959 east to La. 63, west of La. 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River, southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to La. 67.

iv. Franklin - All

v. St. Helena - North of La. 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to La. 449, east and south of La. 449 from La. 16 at Pine Grove northward to La. 1045, south of La. 1045 from its junction with La. 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from La. 1045 southward to La. 16 at Montpelier.

vi. Tangipahoa - That portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River to La. 1061 at Wilmer, east of La. 1061 to La. 440 at Bolivar, south of La. 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from La. 440 southward to La. 10.

vii. Washington and St. Tammany - East of La. 21 from the Mississippi line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl

River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi line, south of the Mississippi line from the Pearl River westward to La. 21. Also, that portion of Washington Parish west of La. 25 from the Mississippi State Line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, then west of the Bogue Chitto River to its junction with the St. Tammany Parish line, north of the St. Tammany parish line to the Tangipohoa parish line, east of the Tangipohoa parish line to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line to its junction with La. 25.

viii. West Feliciana - West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of U.S. 61 and La. 966, east of La. 966 from U.S. 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

2. Area 2

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville, Jackson, Union, Bossier, Lincoln, Webster, Caddo, Natchitoches, Winn, Claiborne, Red River, DeSoto, Sabine, Caldwell.

ii. EXCEPT: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District described in Area 2 description

shall be still hunting only.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - North of U.S. 190 east of Reeves and east of La. 113.

ii. Avoyelles - That portion west of I-49.

iii. Beauregard - East of La. 113. Also, west of La. 27 north to DeRidder and south and east of U.S. 190 west of DeRidder to Texas line.

iv. Calcasieu - West of La. 27 north of Sulphur and north of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

v. Catahoula - That portion lying north and east of the Ouachita River to the Boeuf River. West of Boeuf River north to Caldwell parish line.

vi. Evangeline - All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

vii. Grant - All EXCEPT that portion south of La. 8 and east of U.S. 165.

viii. Jefferson Davis - North of U.S. 190.

ix. LaSalle - All EXCEPT south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to

Caldwell Parish line.

x. Morehouse - West of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, west of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, west and south of La. 593 to Collinston, west of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and north of La. 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake.

xi. Ouachita - All EXCEPT south of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Brake.

xii. Rapides - All EXCEPT north of Red River and east of U.S. 165. South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 113 to Union Hill, and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

xiii. Vernon - East and south of La. 113, north and east of La. 465, west of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and north of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Claiborne and Webster - Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie

National Forest Regulations).

ii. Ouachita - East of Ouachita River.

iii. Rapides - West of U.S. 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 northward to U.S. 167 at Alexandria. North of La. 465 from Vernon Parish line to La. 121, west of La. 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to La. 8, south and east of La. 8 to La. 118 (Mora Road), south and west of La. 118 to Natchitoches Parish line.

iv. Vernon - East of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to La. 465, east and north of La. 465 to Rapides Parish line.

3. Area 3

a. All of Acadia, Cameron and Vermilion Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - South of U.S. 190 and west of La. 113.

ii. Beauregard - West of La. 113. ALSO east of La. 27 north to DeRidder and north and west of U.S. 190 west of DeRidder to Texas line.

iii. Calcasieu - East of La. 27 north of

Sulphur and south of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

iv. Iberia - West of U.S. 90 and north of La.
14.

v. Jefferson Davis - All EXCEPT north of U.S.
190.

vi. Lafayette - West of I-49 and U.S. 90.

vii. Rapides - South of La. 465 to junction of
La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill and north of La.
113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.

viii. St. Landry - West of U.S. 167.

ix. Vernon - West and north of La. 113, south
of La. 465, east of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south
of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

4. Area 4

a. All of East Carroll and Richland parishes are
open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Morehouse - East of U.S. 165 (from
Arkansas line) to Bonita, south and east of La. 140 to junction of
La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, east of
La. 139 at Bastrop to junction of La. 593, east and north of La.
593 to Collinston, east of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and south
of La. 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake.

ii. Ouachita - South of U.S. 80 and east of

Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Bake.

5. Area 5

a. All of West Carroll Parish is open.

i. All deer hunting is for bucks only including muzzleloader season.

6. Area 6

a. All of Orleans Parish is closed to all forms of deer hunting.

b. All of the following parishes are open: Ascension, Plaquemines, St. John, Assumption, Pointe Coupee, St. Martin, Iberville, St. Bernard, Jefferson, St. Charles, Lafourche, St. James, West Baton Rouge.

c. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles - South of La. 1 and also that portion east of I-49.

ii. Evangeline - That portion east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

iii. Iberia - East of U.S. 90.

iv. Lafayette - East of I-49 and U.S. 90.

v. Livingston - South of I-12.

vi. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red

River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

vii. St. Landry - East of U.S. 167.

viii. St. Mary - North of U.S. 90.

ix. St. Tammany - That portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

x. Tangipahoa - South of I-12.

xi. West Feliciana - West of Mississippi River, known as Raccourci and Turnbull Islands.

d. Still hunting only in all of the following parishes:

i. Plaquemines - East of the Mississippi River.

ii. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

iii. St. Bernard - All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre.

iv. St. John - South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. 51, east of U.S. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of La. 638 from U.S. 51 to Lake

Pontchartrain. West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. 638 to Pass Manchac.

v. St. Landry - Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by La. 359, west by La. 10, and south by La. 103.

7. Area 7

a. The following parish is open: Terrebonne.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open: Iberia and St. Mary Parishes - South of La. 14 and west U.S. Hwy. 90.

G. Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. General

a. The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

b. Citizens are cautioned that by entering upon a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

c. Wildlife management area seasons may be altered

or closed anytime by the Department Secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 3:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified. On days when Daily permits are required, permit stations will open 2 hours before legal shooting hours. Hunters must exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

e. Lands within WMA boundaries will have the same seasons and regulations pertaining to baiting and use of dogs as the WMA within which the lands are enclosed; however, with respect to private lands enclosed within a WMA, the owner or lessee may elect to hunt according to the regular season dates applicable to the geographic area in which the lands are located, provided that the lands are first enrolled in DMAP. Interested parties should contact the nearest LDWF regional office for additional information.

f. Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs except in designated locations is prohibited.

g. Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

h. Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval or unless otherwise specified.

i. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard

mast (acorn, pecans, etc.) and wild plants is prohibited without prior approval. Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day. Persons engaged in commercial activities must obtain a permit from the Region Office.

j. Burning of marshes is prohibited except by permit. Permits may be obtained from the Fur and Refuge Division.

k. Nature trails. Access to trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, bicycles, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

l. Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

m. Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations, includes both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

n. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, EXCEPT that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and State Seed Grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

2. Permits

a. Daily. Daily permits when required shall be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA. Hunters must

retain permit in possession while hunting. Hunters may enter the area no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must checkout daily and exit the area not later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

b. Self Clearing Permits. On WMAs where Self Clearing Permits are required, all hunters must obtain a WMA Self Clearing Permit from an Information Station. The CHECK IN portion MUST be completed and put in a permit box BEFORE each day's hunt on the day of the hunt. The CHECK OUT portion must be carried by each hunter while hunting and MUST be completed and put in a permit box AFTER each day's hunt on the day of the hunt unless otherwise specified. A vehicle tag will also be associated with the Self Clearing Permit and must be displayed in the vehicle while on the WMA.

c. Wild Louisiana Stamp. Persons using WMAs or other department administered lands for purposes other than hunting and fishing, such as camping, shooting on rifle ranges, berry picking, hiking, photography, bird-watching and the like, shall be required to possess one of the following: a Wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement.

3. Special Seasons

a. Youth deer hunt. Only youths younger than 16

years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed EXCEPT Handicapped Seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate region office for special check station locations when daily permits are required and maps of specific hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts.

b. Handicapped Season. For hunters possessing a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit only. Participants must possess a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit. Contact region office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering Handicapped Seasons. Pointe-au-Chien will have an experimental Lottery Handicapped waterfowl hunt. Contact New Orleans Office, Fur and Refuge Division for details.

c. Deer Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery.

Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. A non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Contact region offices for applications. Consult regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery hunts.

d. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. All turkeys must be reported at Self Clearing station. Contact Region Offices for more details. Consult separate Turkey Hunting Regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery hunts.

e. Trapping. Permits to take fur bearers from WMAs may be obtained at appropriate offices when required. Consult Annual Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required, each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the Region Office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days at region offices. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress. A permit is required to carry a firearm outside of the normal hunting season and is available at the Region Office.

f. Raccoon hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours

only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs. NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL - Season dates for specific WMAs are for nighttime raccoon hunting and permits may be required. There will be no bag limit for raccoons at night unless specified in the annual regulations pamphlet. Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the region office for WMAs where permits are required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of raccoon or all hunting privileges on WMAs. Permits, when required, may be obtained at region offices only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

g. Commercial fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines permitted on Dewey Wills WMA north of La. 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-Au-Chien WMAs EXCEPT shrimping allowed on Pointe-Au-Chien in Cut Off Canal and Wonder Lake during daytime only. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges for the period the license is issued and one year thereafter. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional

commercial fishing regulations on mullet.

h. Sport fishing. Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are permitted on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations EXCEPT nighttime frogging prohibited on Salvador /Timken and Pointe-Au-Chien.

i. Additional Department Lands. The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in Rapides, Vernon, Evangeline and St. Helena parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries Region Office for specific information and any additional season dates.

4. Firearms

a. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, ATCs or in camping areas on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after allowed hours except in authorized camping areas.

b. Firearms and bows and arrows are not allowed on WMAs during closed hunting seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges or as allowed for trapping. Bows and broadhead arrows are not allowed on WMAs EXCEPT during regular deer archery season,

turkey season or EXCEPT as allowed for bowfishing.

c. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists EXCEPT as specified under Wildlife Management Area listing.

d. Loaded firearms are not allowed near WMA check stations.

e. Centerfire rifles and handguns, arms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during modern firearm deer season.

f. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

g. Discharging of firearms on or hunting from designated roads, ATV trails or their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearm and muzzleloader deer season.

5. Methods of Taking Game

a. Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

b. On Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day, six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

c. Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included). Unmarked hogs may be taken on some WMAs by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Consult the specific WMA for additional information. Proper licenses and permits are required for hunting.

d. Hunters who kill deer on WMAs that require daily permits must have deer checked at the check station on same day of kill.

e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during early still hunt season unless specified in the regulation pamphlet.

f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed.

g. On Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges, all deer stands must be removed from the area no later than two hours after the end of legal shooting hours each day. Hunting from utility poles, high tension power lines, oil and gas exploration facilities or platforms is prohibited.

h. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after the end of legal shooting hours each day. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal, poles, wire, mesh, webbing or

any materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily.

i. It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

j. Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are also prohibited.

k. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and disposed of by the Department. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

l. Hunters shall not hunt, take or pursue birds or animals from moving vehicles on any WMA. No person shall take birds or animals from or by any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress therefrom has ceased.

m. Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAs.

n. Horses and mules may be ridden on Wildlife Managements Areas except where prohibited and except during gun seasons for deer and turkey. Riding is restricted to designated

roads and trails. Hunting and trapping from horses and mules is prohibited EXCEPT for quail hunting or as otherwise specified.

o. All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters and dove hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Quail and woodcock hunters as well as hunters participating during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. ALSO all non-hunters afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

p. Archery season for deer. The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open to either sex deer EXCEPT as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted or closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or handicapped hunters are in progress. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific seasons.

q. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

r. Muzzleloader season for deer. See WMA deer schedule.

6. Camping

a. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is allowed only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. At the end of the 16 day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

b. Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA and Pass-a-Loutre, houseboats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the hunting season. At all other times of the year, mooring period is limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Permits are required for camping and overnight mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre and can be obtained from the WMA headquarters. Houseboat mooring permits are required for Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Area. Permits may be obtained from headquarters on respective WMAs or from the New Iberia office for Atchafalaya Delta WMA.

c. Discharge of human waste onto lands or waters of any WMA is strictly prohibited by State and Federal law. In the event public restroom facilities are not available at a WMA, the

following is required. Anyone camping on a WMA in a camper, trailer, or other unit (other than a houseboat or tent) shall have and shall utilize an operational disposal system attached to the unit. Tent campers shall have and shall utilize portable waste disposal units and shall remove all human waste from the WMA upon leaving. Houseboats moored on a WMA shall have a permit or letter of certification from the Health Unit (Department of Health and Hospitals) of the parish within which the WMA occurs verifying that it has an approved sewerage disposal system on board. Further, that system shall be utilized by occupants of the houseboats when on the WMA.

d. No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

e. Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

f. Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.

g. Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.

h. Swimming prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

7. Restricted Areas

a. All oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or hunting in restricted areas or refuges.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, duck hunting and bird dog training when allowed, having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be held liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are allowed for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.

9. Vehicles

a. Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.

b. The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within wildlife management areas due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of

forest reproduction.

c. Tractor implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles. ATV tires are restricted to those with maximum allowable tire pressure of 5 psi, as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

d. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and Refuges. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. Personal water craft allowed on designated areas of Alexandria State Forest WMA.

e. No internal combustion engines allowed in certain Greentree reservoir.

f. Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

g. Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

h. Motorized vehicles, including ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads and ATV trails as indicated on WMA maps, except on Atchafalaya Delta WMA where ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles are prohibited. WMA maps

available at all region offices. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.

i. Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees. Handicapped ATV permittees restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps. Persons 60 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also allowed to use special handicapped trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Handicapped persons should make application for a Physically Challenged Hunter Program Permit with the Department.

j. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to handicapped-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Routes of all trails are as indicated on WMA maps. Deviation from the trails indicated on the map constitutes a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

k. Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition or construction.

l. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 3:00 AM. **All roads** including trails and roads designated as ATV trails shall be closed from March 1 through August 31 unless otherwise specified. Certain trails may be open during this time period to provide

access for fishing or other purpose. These trails will be marked by signs at the entrance of the trail.

m. CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.

10. Wildlife Management Areas Basic Season Structure. For season dates, bag limits, shooting hours, special seasons and other information consult the annual regulations pamphlet for specific details.

11. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit, quail, dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Consult regulations pamphlet.

12. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet.

13. Archery. Consult regulations pamphlet.

14. Hogs. Consult regulations pamphlet.

15. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet.

16. Wildlife Management Areas Hunting Schedule and Regulations:

a. Alexander State Forest. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

b. Atchafalaya Delta. Water control structures

are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at any time. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited.

c. Attakapas. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

d. Bayou Macon. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. Mules are allowed for nighttime raccoon hunting.

e. Bayou Pierre. No ATVs or ATCs allowed on the area. Motorized vehicles are allowed only on parish roads and roads marked on WMA map.

f. Bens Creek. All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. No hunting in restricted areas. (See WMA Map). Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and during the spring turkey season.

g. Big Colewa Bayou. ATVs restricted to designated trails. Refer to WMA map for location of designated trails. All other motorized vehicles prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited.

h. Big Lake. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

i. Biloxi

j. Bodcau

k. Boeuf. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

l. Boise-Vernon. Road travel and hunting

restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicle travel.

m. Buckhorn. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

n. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. All game harvested must be reported. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details.

o. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day. Roads may be closed during wet weather conditions.

p. Elm Hall. No ATVs allowed.

q. Fort Polk. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Special regulations apply to ATV users.

r. Georgia-Pacific. EXCEPT as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.

s. Grassy Lake. Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor at Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas Region Office. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. No hunting in restricted area.

t. Jackson-Bienville. ATVs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads and timber management roads and trails. However, all ATVs/ATCs prohibited March 1 through September 15.

u. Joyce. Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

v. Lake Boeuf

w. Lake Ramsay. Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

x. Little River. Roads may be closed during wet conditions.

y. Loggy Bayou

z. Manchac. Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

aa. Ouachita. Waterfowl Refuge: North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during waterfowl season. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight. Commercial Fishing: Closed. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

ab. Pass-a-Loutre. Commercial Fishing: Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass,

Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

ac. Pearl River. All roads closed 8 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet except waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90. No hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a fee.

ad. Peason Ridge. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users.

ae. Pointe-au-Chien. Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for DOVE hunting as specified in regulation pamphlet. Point Farm: Gate will be open during opening weekend of the second split of dove season and all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads

on) shall be allowed. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. prohibited in the Montegut and Grand Bayou marsh management units. Public is allowed to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue and Grand Bayou Blue. Vehicles prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by the department. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

af. Pomme de Terre. Commercial Fishing: allowed Monday through Friday, EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Region Office or Spring Bayou headquarters. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed after 2 p.m. only during

waterfowl season. Crawfish: April 1 - July 31, 100 lbs. per person per day limit. No traps or nets left overnight. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

ag. Red River. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. Crawfishing prohibited on Wetland Restoration Areas.

ah. Russell Sage. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

ai. Sabine

aj. Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

ak. Salvador/Timken. Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be allowed. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken through the use of

hand lines or nets; however, none of the lines are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 H.P. are allowed only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes - "Baie Des Chactas" and Baie du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Operation of the above described internal combustion engines in interior ditches is prohibited EXCEPT by experimental permit to be obtained from the New Orleans Office, Fur and Refuge Division, Room 217. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited. Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenasses). Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact New Orleans Region Office-Fur and Refuge Division. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

al. Sandy Hollow. Bird Dog Training: Consult regulation pamphlet. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds

prohibited). Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge Region Office. Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas. No motorized vehicles allowed off designated roads. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

am. Sherburne. Crawfishing: Recreational crawfishing only on the North and South Farm Complexes. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per vehicle or boat per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed on farm complex. Commercial crawfishing allowed on the remainder of the area. Permit is required. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details. Vehicular traffic prohibited on east Atchafalaya River Basin levee road within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office. No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges. Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area. No commercial activity on ANWR, except trapping.

an. Sicily Island Hills. Firearms and any game harvested cannot be transported through the area except during the corresponding open season on area. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

ao. Soda Lake. Entire area is walk-in only - no motorized vehicles allowed. Access into the area is allowed only from south end of the area off of Hwy. 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer.

ap. Spring Bayou. Commercial Fishing: allowed Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets allowed any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Region Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Crawfish: 100 lbs. per person per day limit. Permit required from area supervisor. No hunting allowed in headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this camp site. Water skiing allowed only in Old River and Grand Lac.

aq. Thistlethwaite. No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA Map). All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through main gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

ar. Three Rivers. Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.

as. Tunica Hills. All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATVs restricted to designated trails. Driving on food plots prohibited. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map. Camping prohibited on area. North of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract) closed to the general public March 1-September 30 EXCEPT spring turkey hunting access allowed for those individuals drawn for special lottery hunt.

at. Union. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

au. West Bay. Road Travel and Hunting Restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

av. Wisner

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115 and R.S. 56:116.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:1279 (July 1999), amended LR 26: (July 2000).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 6, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, July 6, 2000.

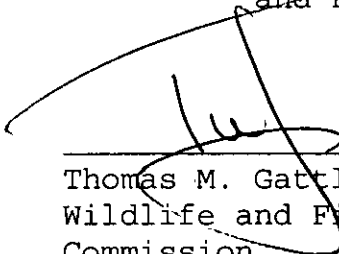
WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for wild turkeys, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

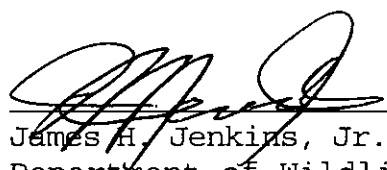
WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of wild turkeys and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of wild turkeys are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as a Notice of Intent.



Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its July meeting does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of wild turkeys. A synopsis of said rule is attached to and made part of this notice of intent, along with a complete copy of the regulations.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Seasons

§113. Turkey Hunting Regulations

A. Daily limit is one gobbler, three gobblers per season. Still hunting only. Use of dogs, baiting, electronic calling devices and live decoys is illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and bow and arrow but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited. Shotguns capable of holding more than three shells prohibited.

B. No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or

unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys.

C. A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed.

D. Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closure.

E. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries strongly discourages "feeding" agricultural grains to wild turkeys as this practice increases the risk of birds contracting potentially lethal diseases. Repeatedly placing grain in the same area may expose otherwise healthy birds to disease contaminated soils, grain containing lethal toxins and other diseased turkeys using the same feeding site. Properly distributed food plots (clovers, wheat, millet and chufa) are far more desirable for turkeys and have the added benefit of appealing to a wide variety of wildlife.

F. It is unlawful to take from the wild or possess in captivity any live wild turkeys or their eggs. No pen raised turkeys from within or without the state shall be liberated

(released) within the state.

G. All licensed turkey hunters are required to have a Turkey Stamp in their possession while turkey hunting in addition to basic and big game licenses.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:2263 (November 1999), amended LR .

§115. Statewide Turkey Hunting Areas-Resident Game Birds and Animals

A. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Turkey	See Schedule	1	3/season

B. Turkey Hunting Schedule

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	March 25-April 23 March 24-April 22
B	April 1-16 March 31-April 15
C	March 25-April 2 March 24-April 1

C. 2000 Turkey Hunting Season - Open Only in the Following Areas

1. Area A - ~~March 25-April 23~~ March 24-April 22

a. All of the following parishes are open:

- i. East Baton Rouge;
- ii. East Feliciana;
- iii. LaSalle;
- iv. Livingston;
- v. Natchitoches (Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for National Forest dates);
- vi. St. Helena;
- vii. St. Tammany;
- viii. Tangipahoa;
- ix. Washington;
- x. West Baton Rouge;
- xi. West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island).

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen: North of La. 26 from DeRidder to the junction of La. 104 and north of La. 104;

ii. Avoyelles: That portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River northward from Simmesport, on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by La. 452 from Brouillette to La. 1 eastward to Simmesport, and that portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east and south by La. 451, on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its

junction at the Bayou des Glaize structure east of Bordelonville southward to its junction with La. 451;

iii. Beauregard: North of La. 26 east of DeRidder, north and east of U.S. 171-190 from the junction of La. 26 to DeRidder, and north of U.S. 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iv. Caldwell: West of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line, east of La. 165 from LaSalle Parish line to the junction of La. 126, north of La. 126 westward to the Winn Parish line;

v. Catahoula: West of Ouachita River southward to La. 559 at Duty Ferry, north of La. 559 to La. 124, south and west of La. 124 from Duty Ferry to La. 8 at Harrisonburg and north of La. 8 to La. 126, north and east of La. 126. ALSO that portion lying east of La. 15;

vi. Concordia: That portion east of Hwy. 15 and west of Hwy. 65 from its juncture with Hwy. 15 at Clayton;

vii. Evangeline: North and west of La. 115, north of La. 106 from St. Landry to La. 13, west of La. 13 from Pine Prairie to Mamou and north of La. 104 west of Mamou;

viii. Franklin: That portion lying east of Hwy. 17 and east of Hwy. 15 from its juncture with Hwy. 17 at Winnsboro;

ix. Grant: All of the parish except that

portion of land that lies north of the Red River between U.S. 71 and La. 8. Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates;

x. Iberville: West of La. Hwy. 1.
EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xi. Madison: That portion lying west of U.S. Hwy. 65 and south of U.S. Hwy. 80;

xii. Pointe Coupee: All except that portion bounded on the west by La. 77 and La. 10, northward from U.S. 190 to La. 1 at Morganza, on the north and east by La. 1 to its junction with La. 78 and by La. 78 from Parlang to U.S. 190. Further EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xiii. Rapides: All of the parish except that portion of lands that lies north of the Red River and south of U.S. Hwy. 71 from its juncture with the Red River northward to the Grant Parish line. Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates;

xiv. Richland: That portion south of U.S. Hwy. 80 and east of Hwy. 17;

xv. Sabine: That portion north of Hwy. 6 from Toledo Bend Lake to Many; east of Hwy. 171 from Many to the Vernon Parish line;

xvi. St. Landry: That portion bounded on the north by U.S. 190, west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee. ALSO that portion of the parish bounded on the north by La. 10 from the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee to Burton's Lake, on the east by Burton's Lake, on the south by Petite Prairie Bayou to its junction with the old O.G. Railroad right-of-way then by the O.G.R.R. right-of-way westward to U.S. 71 and on the west by the West Atchafalaya Guide Levee to its junction with La. 10, EXCEPT the Indian Bayou tract owned by the U.S. Corps of Engineers;

xvii. Upper St. Martin: All within the Atchafalaya Basin. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xviii. Tensas: That portion west of Hwy. 65 from the Concordia Parish line to its juncture with Hwy. 128, north of La. 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of La. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

xix. Vernon: That portion east of Hwy. 171 from the Sabine Parish line to the junction of Hwy. 111, south of Hwy. 111 westward to Hwy. 392, and south of Hwy. 392 westward to the Sabine Parish line. Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates.

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville;

ii. Bossier;

iii. Claiborne;

iv. Lincoln;

v. Red River;

vi. Webster, including Caney Ranger District
of Kisatchie National Forest.

vii. Union

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Caddo: That portion north of La. 2 from
the Texas state line to U.S. 71, east of U.S. 71 from La. 2 to I-
20, south of I-20 from U.S. 71 to U.S. 171, and east of U.S. 171 to
the DeSoto Parish line;

ii. DeSoto: That portion east of U.S. 171
from the Caddo Parish line to U.S. 84 and south of U.S. 84;

iii. East Carroll: East of U.S. 65 from
Arkansas state line to Madison Parish line;

iv. Jackson: West of Parish Road 243 from
Lincoln Parish line to Parish Road 238, west and south of Parish
Road 238 to La. 144, west of La. 144 to La. 34, west of La. 34 to
Chatham, north and west of La. 4 from Chatham to Weston, north and
west of La. 505 from Weston to Wyatt, west of U.S. 167 from Wyatt
to Winn Parish line;

v. Ouachita: East of La. 143 from Union Parish line to Bayou Darbonne, north of Bayou Darbonne to the Ouachita River, west of the Ouachita River from the mouth of Bayou Darbonne northward to the Union Parish line;

vi. Morehouse: West of U.S. 165 from the Arkansas line to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, north of U.S. 165 from Bastrop to Ouachita Parish line;

~~vii. Union: West of La. 15 from Ouachita Parish line to La. 33 west of Farmerville, north of La. 33 to La. 2 at Farmerville, north and east of La. 2 to La. 143 at Crossroads, east of La. 143 to the Ouachita Parish line.~~

3. Area C - ~~March 25-April 2~~ March 24-April 1

a. All of the following parish is open:

i. Winn (EXCEPTION: see Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates)

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Ascension: All east of the Mississippi River;

ii. Allen: South of La. 26 from DeRidder to Oberlin, west of U.S. 165 south of Oberlin;

iii. Avoyelles: South of La. 1 to West Protection Levee, south to Avoyelles Parish line;

iv. Beauregard: South of La. 26 east of

DeRidder, east of U.S. 171 from the junction of La. 26 to Ragley, south of La. 12 west to Ragley;

v. Calcasieu: South of La. 12 east of Dequincy, east of La. 27 from Dequincy to I-10, and north of I-10 east of Sulphur;

vi. Concordia: North and east of Sugar Mill Chute (Concordia Parish) from the state line westward to Red River, east of Red River northward to Cocodrie Bayou, east of Cocodrie Bayou northward to U.S. Hwy. 84, south of U.S. Hwy. 84 eastward to La. Hwy. 15 (Ferriday), east of La. Hwy. 15 northward to U.S. Hwy. 65 (Clayton), east of U.S. Hwy. 65 northward to Tensas Parish line;

vii. Iberville: All east of the Mississippi River;

viii. Jefferson Davis: West of U.S. 165 and north of I-10;

ix. Madison: South of Hwy. 80 and east of U.S. Hwy. 65 to Tensas Parish line and all lands lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

x. St. Landry: That portion bounded on the south by La. 10, on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, on the east by La. 105, and on the north by the Avoyelles Parish line;

xi. Tensas: East and south of U.S. Hwy. 65 from Concordia Parish line to Hwy. 128, south of Hwy. 128 to St.

Joseph, east and south of La. Hwy. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.

xii. Franklin and Richland Parishes - That portion lying west of La. Hwy. 17 from Ringle Road to La. Hwy. 577 at Crowville, north of La. Hwy. 577 to La. Hwy. 15 at Baskin, east of La. Hwy. 15 to Big Creek, and south and east of Big Creek to junction of Little Road, and south of Little, Ferguson and Ringle Roads to La. Hwy. 17.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:2264 (November 1999), amended LR .

§117. 2000 Wildlife Management Area Turkey - Hunting Regulations

A. General

1. The following rules and regulations concerning management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject the individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

2. Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed are open to turkey hunting.

3. All trails and roads designated as ATV Only shall be

closed to ATVs from March 1 through September 15. ATV off-road or trail travel is prohibited. Walk-in hunting only (bicycles permitted), unless opened by sign on trail.

4. Bag limits on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. The bag limit for turkeys on Wildlife Management Areas is two per area, not to exceed two per season for all WMAs. Only one turkey is allowed to be taken during special lottery hunts. The bag limit for turkeys is one gobbler per day and three gobblers per season including those taken on WMAs.

B. Permits

1. Self-Clearing Permits: All turkey hunts, including lottery hunts, are self-clearing and all hunters must check in daily by picking up a permit from a self-clearing station. Upon completion of each daily hunt, the hunter must check out by completing the hunter report portion of the permit and depositing it in the check-out box at a self-clearing station before exiting the WMA.

2. Lottery Hunts: Bayou Macon, Dewey Wills, Georgia-Pacific, Loggy Bayou, Sabine, Sherburne, Sicily Island and Tunica Hills WMAs are restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Deadline for receiving applications is February 15, 2001. Application fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants may submit only one application and will be selected for one WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually. Submitting

more than one application will result in disqualification. Contact any district office for applications. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements.

3. Requests for information on WMA regulations, permits, lottery hunt applications and maps may be directed to any district office: [District 1 – 1401 Talton Street, Minden, 71055; 318/371-3050]; [District 2 – 368 Century Park Drive, Monroe, 71203; 318/343-4044]; [District 3 – 1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, 71360; 318/487-5885]; [District 4 – P.O. Box 1640, Ferriday, 71334; 318/757-4571]; [District 5 – 1213 N. Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles, 70601; 318/491-2575]; [District 6 – 5652 Highway 182, Opelousas, 70570; 318/948-0255]; [District 7 – P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, 70898; 225/765-2360].

C. Wildlife Management Area Turkey Hunting Schedule*

WMA	Season Dates	Permit Requirements	Lottery Dates** (See Page)
Bayou Macon	March 31-April 1	Self-Clearing	March 31-April 1
Bens Creek ¹	March 24-April 15	Self-Clearing	None
Big Lake	March 24-April 1	Self-Clearing	None
Bodcau	March 31-April 15	Self-Clearing	None
Boeuf	March 24-April 1	Self-Clearing	None
Boise Vernon	March 24-April 15	Self-Clearing	None
Camp Beauregard	March 24-April 8	Self-Clearing	None

Dewey Wills	March 24- 25 March 31-April 1	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 31-April 1
Fort Polk	March 24-April 22	Self-Clearing	None
Georgia-Pacific	March 31-April 8	Self-Clearing	March 31-April 1
Grassy Lake	March 24- April 1	Self-Clearing	None
Jackson-Bienville	March 31-April 15	Self-Clearing	None
Little River	March 24- April 8	Self-clearing	None
Loggy Bayou	April 7-8 April 14-15	Self-Clearing	April 7-8 (Youth Hunt) April 14-15
Pearl River	March 24-April 15	Self-Clearing	None
Peason Ridge	March 24-April 22	Self-Clearing	None
Pomme de Terre	March 24-April 1	Self-Clearing	None
Red River	March 24-April 1	Self-Clearing	None
Sabine	March 24-25 March 31-April 1	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 31-April 1
Sandy Hollow	March 24-April 15	Self-Clearing	None
Sherburne ²	March 24-April 1	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 26-28
Sicily Island	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 7-8 April 14-15	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 7-8 April 14-15
Three Rivers	March 24- April 1	Self-Clearing	None

Tunica Hills South Tract	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 7-8 April 14-15	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 7-8 April 14-15
Tunica Hills Angola Tract ³	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 7-8 April 14-15	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 7-8 April 14-15
Union	March 31-April 1	Self-Clearing	March 31-April 1
West Bay	March 24-25	Self-Clearing	March 24-25

**The deadline for receiving applications for all turkey Lottery Hunts on WMAs is Feb. 15, 2001.

¹No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

²All turkeys harvested on Sherburne WMA must be weighed and checked at WMA headquarters.

³Scouting access limited. Contact Region 7 office for details (225) 765-2360..

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 25:2265 (November 1999), amended LR .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and

the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondences to other agencies of government.

Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until September 21, 2000 to Mr. Tommy Prickett, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

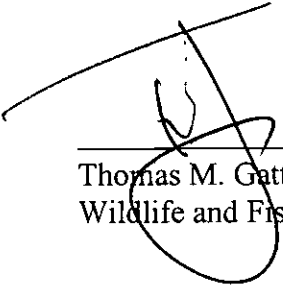
RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
JULY 6, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, LA July 6, 2000.

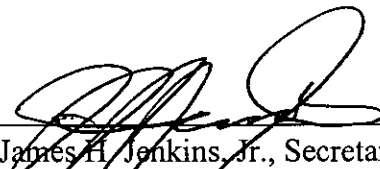
- WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, D.C. have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and
- WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and
- WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and
- WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours, and
- WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby adopt the tentative season dates for migratory birds which are attached and made part of this resolution, subject to the following stipulations:

- (1) The Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government; and
- (2) If significant changes occur as a result of changes in the framework established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service or for other reasons, the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to alter the attached seasons based upon the recommendations of Department staff, supported by biological and technical data.



Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
2000-2001 Hunting Season Recommendations
FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS

MOURNING DOVE: Split Season, Statewide, 60 days

September 2 (Sat.)-September 10 (Sun)	9 days
October 14 (Sat.)-November 10 (Fri.)	28 days
December 16 (Sat.)-January 7 (Sun.)	23 days
Daily bag limit 15, Possession Limit, 30	

TEAL:

September 15 (Fri.)-September 30 (Sat.) 16 days
Daily bag limit 4, Possession limit 8, Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon teal only
Federal and State waterfowl stamps required.

RAILS: Split Season

September 15 (Fri.)-September 30 (Sat.) 16 days
Remainder of season to be set in August with duck regulations
KING AND CLAPPER: Daily bag limit 15 in the aggregate, Possession 30
SORA AND VIRGINIA: Daily bag and possession 25 in the aggregate

GALLINULES: Split Season

September 15 (Fri.)-September 30 (Sat.) 16 days
Remainder of season to be set in August with duck regulations
Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 30

WOODCOCK:

December 18 (Mon.)-January 31 (Wed.) 45 days
Daily bag limit 3, Possession 6

SHOOTING HOURS:

Teal, Rail, Woodcock and Gallinule: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Mourning Dove: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset except on Sept.2-3, Oct. 14-15, and Dec. 16-17 when shooting hours will be 12:00 noon to sunset.

SNIFE: Deferring to August with the duck regulations; recommendations will include moving 1 week later than traditional opening and/or including a 1 week split.

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
Alternative Season Date Recommendations

Mourning Dove Split Season, Statewide, 70 days

September 2 (Sat.)-September 10 (Sun)	9 days
October 14 (Sat.)-November 13 (Mon.)	31 days
December 9 (Sat.)-January 7 (Sun.)	30 days
Daily bag limit 12, Possession Limit, 24	

Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset except on Sept.2-3, Oct. 14-15, and Dec. 9-10 when shooting hours will be 12:00 noon to sunset.

Teal

September 9 (Sat.)-September 24 (Sun.)	16 days
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Rails and Gallinules

September 9 (Sat.)-September 24 (Sun.)	16 days
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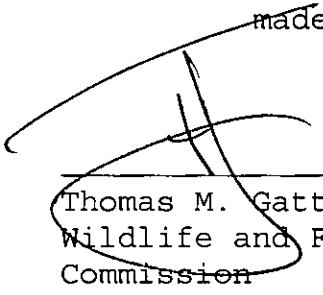
RESOLUTION

**2000 Wild Alligator Harvest Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission**

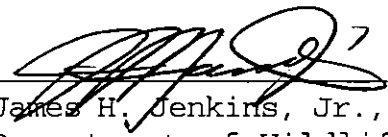
- WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act, allows the Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, and
- WHEREAS, Louisiana has historically led the world in the production of crocodilians with value to alligator hunters of over \$150 million between 1972 and 1999, and
- WHEREAS, the Louisiana ranching program (wild egg collection) largely supports a statewide alligator farming program, producing 160,000 hides per year, and
- WHEREAS, the comprehensive Louisiana alligator management program contributes significantly to conserving alligators and their wetland ecosystems, producing for the landowner about 45% of surface use value, and
- WHEREAS, the harvest of this renewable resource is important in providing supplemental income to citizens of the state while furnishing an essential management tool to reduce nuisance wildlife problems, foster wetlands biodiversity, and provide cultural and economic benefits to the citizens of the state, and
- WHEREAS, regulated alligator sustainable use management programs developed during the past 26 seasons have built an industry that is unique and exceptional, and
- WHEREAS, historical and current information collected by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have indicated that the optimum time frame for the harvest of alligators is the month of September, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2000 Wild Alligator Harvest Season, statewide from official sunrise August 30, 2000 through official sunset September 30, 2000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to delay, extend, close or reopen this season based on technical data or if enforcement problems develop.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2000 Wild Alligator Harvest Season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.



Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act, which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set seasons, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2000 wild alligator harvest season.

The 2000 wild alligator harvest season shall be from official sunrise August 30, 2000 through official sunset September 30, 2000. Alligators taken from the wild may be removed from hook and line and taken with other legal capture devices only during daylight hours between official sunrise and official sunset.

Emergency procedures are necessary to allow Department biologists adequate time to gather the biological data required to recommend season dates and harvest quotas.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby also authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to delay, extend, close or reopen this season based on technical data or if enforcement problems develop.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Thursday, July 6, 2000
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Tom Gattle (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	___
Tom Kelly	<u>✓</u>	___
Bill Busbice	<u>✓</u>	___
Glynn Carver	<u>✓</u>	___
Norman McCall	<u>✓</u>	___
Warren Delacroix	<u>✓</u>	___
Jerry Stone	<u>✓</u>	___

Mr. Chairman:

There are 7 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.

Secretary Jenkins is also present.

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BATON ROUGE, LA

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1. Roll Call
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8. Tentative Season Dates for Early Migratory Birds - Mike Olinde
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ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT
JUNE, 2000

185-Amph. - 61092
Hrs. - 31.2

185-Float - 9667Q
Hrs. - 43.4

210 - 9467Y
Hrs. - 9.8

Enforcement Hours - 68.8

Other Divisions - 15.6

Total Plane Use - 84.4

Cases Made In Conjunction With Aircraft Use Resulted In Citations Issued For:

1-No Vessel License

1-No Gear License

5-Angling Without License

2-Over Limit Red Drum

9-Total

Confiscations: 200 Lbs. Of Shrimp, 18 Red Drum

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

JUNE 2000

REGION 1:**PARISHES: BIENVILLE, BOSSIER,
CADDO, CLAIBORNE,
WEBSTER****18 Agent positions**

TOTAL CASES	205
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
130	Boating
29	Angling W/O A License
6	Angling W/O A License – Non-Resident
19	Fishing W/O A Resident Cane Pole License
1	Take Over Limit Of Freshwater Game Fish
6	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Sell Fish W/O A Wholesale/Retail Dealers License
1	Sell Fish W/O A Retail Seafood License
1	Take Deer Closed Season
1	Take Frogs Closed Season
2	Driving While Intoxicated
5	Littering
3	Other Than Wildlife & Fisheries

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	44	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
35		Boating Safety
9		Angling W/O A Resident License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
15 black bass; 1-15 hp o/b motor; 1-20hp o/b motor; 1 deer.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION I

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
130	Boating
2	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
5	Littering
5	Miscellaneous
62	Recreational Fishing
1	State Hunting/Trapping
44	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Public Assistance

REGION 2:
20 Agent positions

**PARISHES: E. CARROL, JACKSON,
 LINCOLN, MOREHEAD,
 QUACHITA, RICHLAND
 UNION, W. CARROL**

TOTAL CASES	96
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
53	Boating
5	Fishing W/O Pole License
13	Angling W/O Resident License
2	Angling W/O Non-resident License
3	Littering
8	Operate ATV On Public Road
3	DWI (In Boat)
1	Operate Unsafe Vehicle On Public Road (Go Cart)
1	Negligent Injury (Boat)
1	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
3	Possession of Marijuana
2	DWI (Vehicle)
1	Careless Operation

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 50	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Improper Fire Extinguisher
6	No Fire Extinguisher
9	Angling W/O Resident License
3	Expired Boat Registration Certificate
2	Failure To Wear PFD (Under 13 Years Old)
12	Failure To Comply With PFD Requirements
3	No Observer While Water Skiing
1	Overloading Motor Boat
3	Expired Boat Registration Certificate
8	No Boat Registration Certificate In Possession
2	Improper Boat Numbers

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1- 12' Aluminum Boat, 1- LA Driver's License, 1- Basic Resident Fishing License, 2- Bags Marijuana.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
53	Boating
-0-	Commercial Fishing
-0-	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
20	Miscellaneous
20	Recreational Fishing
-0-	State Hunting/Trapping
50	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
25	Public Assistance (Assisted Stranded Motorists and Boaters)

REGION 3:**29 Agent positions****PARISHES: AVOYELLES, GRANT,
NATCHITOCHES, RAPIDES
SABINE, VERNON, WINN**

TOTAL CASES	260
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
129	Boating
5	Fishing W/O Resident Pole License In Possession
11	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License In Possession
62	Angling W/O License In Possession
3	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
4	Possess Undersize Game Fish (Black Bass)
2	Collect Reptile – Amphibian W/O Basic Fishing License In Possession
2	Not Abiding By Commission Rules – Fish Hoop Nets Closed Area
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
2	Possess Game Fish Illegal Method
2	Use Illegal Size Mesh Net (2” Gill Net)
3	Possession Alligator Closed Season
1	Obtain License By Fraud
1	Disturbing The Peace – Drunk
1	Possession Of Alcohol Under 21 Years
18	Littering

2	Operating A.T.V. On Public Road
9	Criminal Trespass On State Property
2	Possession Of Spotted Fawn

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 61	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
24	Boating
30	Angling W/O License In Possession
2	Possess Undersize Game Fish (Black Bass)
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
4	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulation

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
9 black bass, 3 white bass, 1 catfish, 1 – 4 ½ foot alligator, 1 – 8' alligator hide, 2 spotted fawns, 2 hoop nets, 1 piece 2" gill webbing, 1 basic resident saltwater fishing license, 1 basic resident fishing license, 6 cans, 1 bottle.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
129	Boating
7	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
18	Littering
16	Miscellaneous
88	Recreational Fishing
2	State Hunting/Trapping
61	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 4:**24 Agent positions**

**PARISHES: CALDWELL
CATAHOULA,
CONCORDIA, FRANKLIN
LASALLE, MADISON,
TENSAS**

TOTAL CASES	75
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
41	Boating Safety
10	Angling w/o resident license
7	Angling w/o non-resident license
5	Fishing w/o pole license
3	Take or sell commercial fish w/o commercial license
3	Take commercial fish w/o commercial gear license
2	Not abiding by rules & regulations on WMA
1	Illegal possession of marijuana
3	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 9	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Angling w/o a resident license
6	Boating safety

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
1 marijuana cigarette, 80 lbs. buffalo fish, 40 lbs. catfish, 75 yds. gill net.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
41	Boating
6	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
22	Recreational Fishing
2	State Hunting/Trapping
9	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
3	Public Assistance

REGION 5
33 Agent positions

PARISHES: CALDWELL,CALCASIEU
CAMERON, EVANGELINE
JEFF DAVIS, VERMILLION
BEAUREGARD

TOTAL CASES	134
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
52	Boating
14	Angling W/O A License
6	Angling W/O A Non. Res. License
1	Use Gear W/O Rec. Gear License
1	Angling W/O A Saltwater License
4	Take Or Poss. U/S Red Drum
4	Take Or Poss. U/S Black Drum (Rec.)
2	Take Or Poss. O/L Black Drum (Rec.)
1	CML Fisherman Sell To Consumer W/O Fresh Products Lic.
1	CML Fresh Product License Fail To Report Or Maint. Records
1	Take Comm. Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic.
1	Sell &/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale Retail Dealers Lic. (Res.)
1	Transport W/O Required License (Roes)
1	Comm. Truck W/O Display Of Owner Name And Address
3	Poss. Of O/L Of Recreational Shrimp
1	Failure To Have Written Permission

2	Poss. Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season
1	Hunting Rabbits Closed Season
1	Take Rabbits Illegal Methods
2	Hunt Or Take Deer Closed Season
20	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
2	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On State Land
1	Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated
9	Littering
1	Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries
1	Miscellaneous Federal Violations

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 32	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
23	Boating
2	Take Or Poss. U/S. Black Drum (Rec.)
7	Angling W/O A License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
10 beer cans; 7 glass containers; 1 cigarette lighter; 2 rabbits; 2-16 gauge shotguns; 1 pellet rifle; 21 undersize black drum; 14 undersize red drum; 3 boxes of crabs returned to seafood house; 449 pounds of shrimp sold for \$984.85.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
52	Boating
7	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
9	Littering
3	Miscellaneous
35	Recreational Fishing
28	State Hunting/Trapping
32	Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Public Assistance

REGION 6:
24 Agent positions

**PARISHES: IBERIA, IBERVILLE,
 PT.COUPÉE,LAFAYETTE
 ST.MARTIN,IBERIA
 IBERVILLE,W.B.R.**

TOTAL CASES	192
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
108	Boating
37	Angling W/O Resident License
2	Operate Vehicle While Intoxicated
2	Take Or Possess Alligators Closed Season
7	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
1	Criminal Damage To State Property
5	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
5	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
2	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
3	Retail Restaurant Buy Oysters From Other Than Wholesale Retail Dealer
2	Fail To Maintain Records
3	Take/Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
2	Littering
1	Fail To Return Serviceable Traps To Water
2	Use WMA W/O License Or Stamp

1	Use Skimmers In Closed Season
2	Operate ATV On Public Road
1	Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data
1	Take/Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout
3	Take/Possess Undersize Black Drum
1	Possess or Sell Undersize Crabs

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 41	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
23	Boating
15	Angling W/O License
1	Littering
1	Take/Possess Undersize Black Drum
1	Possess Undersize Red Drum

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2 alligators, 1 rifle, checks totaling \$304.50, 7 black bass, 2 receipts, 19 oyster tags, 1 crate of crabs, 1 bottle, 10 crab traps, 2 skimmer nets, 1 champagne basket, 64 lbs. Shrimp, 1 outboard motor, 1 spotted sea trout, 4 black drum, 1 box of crabs.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
108	Boating
12	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
10	Miscellaneous
60	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
41	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Public Assistance

REGION 7:**22 Agent positions**

**PARISHES: ASCENSION, E.B. ROUGE,
E. FELICIANA, LIVINGSTON,
ST. HELENA, ST. TAMMANY,
TANGIPAOHA, WASHINGTON,
W. FELICIANA**

TOTAL CASES	280
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
135	Boating (9 D.W.I.'s)
87	Angling W/O Resident License
14	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
6	Angling W/O Pole License
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License
1	Use Recreational Gear W/O License
4	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial
3	Take Commercial Fish W/O Common Gear License
4	Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
1	Poss. Undersize Crabs-Commercially (10%-19%)
11	Take Shark Closed Season
1	Sell Shrimp W/O Wholesale-Retail Dealers License
1	Failure to Maintain Records
1	Transport Fish W/O Required License
1	Take Over Limit of Recreational Shrimp

1	Allow Another To Use Commercial License
1	All Un-Licensed Person to Use Gear License
1	All Un-Licensed Person to Use Vessel License
1	State Lacy Act Violation
1	Possession of Live Alligators W/O Permit
1	Possession of Live Quadrupeds W/O Permit
2	Theft by Fraud to Purchase License
1	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 49	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
42	Boating
4	Angling W/O Resident License
3	Angling W/O Non-Res License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
239 lbs. Shrimp, 2-Sharks (Bull), ½- Hamper Crabs.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
135	Boating (9 D.W.I.'s)
18	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
5	Miscellaneous
121	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
49	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
6	Public Assistance 5-Boat Tows/ 1-Change Flat Tire

REGION 8
18 Agent positions

**PARISHES: PLAQUEMINE, ST. BERNARD,
 ORLEANS, JEFFERSON
 ST. CHARLES**

TOTAL CASES	270
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
57	Angling W/O A License
15	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
2	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear Lic.
6	Angling W/O Saltwater License
4	Angling W/O Saltwater Lic. Non-Resident
2	Take or Poss. Redfish Illegally
4	Take/Poss. O/L Red Drum (On Water)
2	Take/Poss. Undersized Red Drum
5	Take/Poss. Undersized Spotted Seatrout
7	Possess over 50 Spotted Seatrout (off Water)
8	Not Abiding By Commision Rules
10	Take or Sell Commercial Fish
7	Take Commerical Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic.
8	Take or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel Lic.
1	Transport W/O Required Non-Resident Lic.
4	Fail to Maintain Records

1	Take/Poss. U/S Cml. Fish
1	Buy Commercial Fish From Un-Lic. Fisherman
2	Blocking Passage of Fish
1	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
2	Removing Contents of Legal Crab Traps
1	Allow Unlicensed fisherman use CML Vessel Lic.
1	Allow Unlicensed fisherman use CML Gear Lic.
2	Trawling in Closed Season (Inside Waters)
2	Take Shrimp Illegal Gear
1	Use Oversize Butterfly Net
5	Failure to Have Written Permission
2	Unlawfully Take Oysters Off a Private Lease
3	Failure to Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly
2	Interference With Navigation
5	Operate Unregistered Motorboat
1	No Boat Numbers
6	Failure to Display Valid Certificate Decal
2	Take/Poss. Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester Lic.
10	Expired Boat Registration Certificate
4	Improper Boat Numbers

15	Improper Running Lights
34	Failure to Comply with PFD Requirements
9	Fail to have PFD on Person Under 13 While Underway
1	Careless Operation
1	Reckless Operation of Watercraft
5	Operating Vehicle while Intoxicated
1	Littering
1	Violation of Sanitary Code – Chapter 9
6	Other Than Wildlife and Fisheries
1	Sell and/or Buy fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's Lic.

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 16	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
1	Angling W/O Saltwater Lic.
3	Operate Unregistered Motorboat
2	Expired Boat Registration
4	Improper Running Lights
2	Failure to Comply w/PFD Requirements
2	Fail to Have PFD on Person under 13 while underway
1	No Fire Extinguisher

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
<p>Returned to Water: Oyster Sacks(50)....Shrimp(2 dozen, 1 pound).....Crabs(1 crate, 2 dozen, 18)....Berry Crabs(36)...Buster Crabs(24) Sold @ Bid: 3,488 lbs of Shrimp \$4,287.60 Donated Items: Red Drum (34)....Channel Catfish(34)....Oysters(4 sacks)....Spotted Sea Trout(56)....Sandshark(1)...Gray Snapper(5)...Black Drum(1) Hardware Confiscated: Crab Traps(2)....Gear Lic.(1) Out of State Landing Permit(1)...Vessel Lic.(4)...Dredge Lic.(1)...Commercial Lic.(2)...Drivers Lic.(1) Outboard Motor(1)...Ice Chest(1)...White Bucket(5 gal.)...Dredges(2)...Vessel(2)....Cast Nets(2)....Beer Can(1)....Skimmers(2)....Butterfly Net (1)....Trawl(1) Destroyed: Striped Bass(3)...Flounder(1)</p>	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
88	Boating
55	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
12	Miscellaneous
114	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
16	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
7	Public Assistance

REGION 9

25 Agent positions

PARISHES ASSUMPTION,
 ST. JAMES ST. JOHN,
 ST. MARY
 TERREBONNE,
 LAFOURCHE
 JEFFERSON-GRAND ISLE
 LOWER ST. MARTIN

TOTAL CASES	228
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
116	Boating
14	Angling W/O A License
2	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
5	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
5	Angling W/O Saltwater License
1	Take O/L Of Red Drum (On Water)
2	Possession Of O/L Red Drum In Excess Of 27" (Recreational)
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
3	Take Undersized Red Drum
1	Take Undersized Spotted Sea Trout (Recreational)
5	Take Undersized Black Drum (Recreational)
2	Take O/L Black Drum (Recreational)
1	Fail To Comply W/Charter Boat Regulation
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License

1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Cans)
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Shrimp Trawl)
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Skimmers)
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
3	Sell Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail License
2	Fail To Maintain Records
2	Transport W/O Required License (Resident)
1	Take Commercial Fish With Unapproved Devices
1	Leave Nets Unattended
2	Blocking Passage Of Fish
3	Remove Crab Trap Contents
1	Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data
2	Take Undersized Black Drum (Commercial)
2	Possess Over 20% Undersize Crabs
1	Use Oversize Skimmers
1	Fail To Pay Severance Tax (Shrimp)
3	Violate Shrimp Provisions
1	Take Alligators W/O License
1	Possess Firearm While Frogging
10	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations WMA By Skimming

17	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations WMA After Hours
7	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations WMA Commercial Fishing
1	Aggravated Assault On An Officer
1	Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
1	Flight From An Officer
1	Violation Of Sanitary Code Chapter 9 (Fail To Complete Harvester Log Book)

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 24	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License
23	Boating

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 alligator disposed, 4 speckled trout released, 14 red drum released, 1 black bass released, 6 bull frogs released, 57 black drum released, 30 sacks oysters released, 66 crabs released, 683 lbs. crabs sold \$493.40, 13 catfish released, 1 large mouth bass released, 78 lbs. shrimp released, 137 lbs. shrimp sold \$164.40, marijuana cigarettes, 22 skimmer nets, 2 dip nets, 2 butterfly nets, 1 beam trawl, 2 commercial licenses, 2 trip ticket books, 1 resident fishing license, 6 crab traps, and 1 rifle.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
116	Boating
30	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
38	Miscellaneous
43	Recreational Fishing
1	State Hunting/Trapping
24	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
5	Public Assistance

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE
3 Agent positions

COASTAL WATERS

TOTAL CASES	10
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4	Boating
1	Violation Of Sanitation Code/Failure To Complete Harvester Log Book
1	Unlawful Removal Of Contents Of Crab Traps
2	Angling W/O Basic License
2	Fishing W/O Saltwater License

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
5 sacks of oysters, 1 unattended butterfly net.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Boating
2	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
4	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE
18 Agent positions

STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	35
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Angle W/O A Basic License
3	Angle W/O A Basic License (non-resident)
2	Angle W/O A Saltwater License (non-resident)
1	Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum
5	Not Abiding By Commission Rules Finfish
2	Take Or Possess Overlimit Of Spotted Sea Trout
1	Fail To Comply With Charter Boat Regs.
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
2	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
1	Use Skimmers Closed Season
1	Use Oversize Butterfly Nets
2	Failure To Have Written Permission
1	Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease
2	Fail To Comply With P.F. D. Requirements
1	Improper Or No Running Lights
3	Take Federally Controlled Fish In Closed Season

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 6	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
6	Boating

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
6 skimmer nets, 4 black drum, 8 sharks, 9 spotted sea trout, 10 dozen crabs, 755 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$1,435.80.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
3	Boating
14	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
3	Miscellaneous
15	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
6	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Public Assistance

SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT
8 Agent positions

STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	30
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Boating
2	Buy/Sell Fish W/O A Wholesale/Retail Dealers License
1	Violate State Lacey Act
11	Fail To Maintain Records
2	Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data
1	Failure To Pay Shrimp Severance Tax
1	Transport W/O Required License
1	Buy Fish From Unlicensed Fisherman
5	Angling W/O A Basic License (non-resident)
5	Angling W/O A Saltwater License (non-resident)

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
485 lbs. of factory crabs sold for \$242.50 and 198 lbs. of number ones sold for \$250.90, 164 spotted sea trout, 11 white trout, and 5 red drum.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Boating
19	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
10	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
	Public Assistance

S.W.E.P.
8 Agent positions

COASTAL WATERS

TOTAL CASES	19
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
11	Boating
4	Use Four Trawls In Two Trawl Zone
2	No Vessel License
1	Oversize Use Of Butterfly Nets
1	Fail to Have Saltwater Fish In Tact

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 4	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
Boating	4

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
67 lbs. of trout filets, 791 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$12,695.10, 4 trawls.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR S.W.E.P.

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
11	Boating
8	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
0	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
4	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

**NOTE: 78 RUNNING HOURS
150 BOATS CHECKED**

TOTAL CASES

-1740

NOTE: WRITTEN WARNINGS = 326

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 6, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, July 6, 2000.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 2000 Louisiana Register, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby ratifies regulation on open hunting season dates, bag limit and methods of taking on Department operated wildlife management areas and the state at large for the period September 1, 2000 through August 31, 2001. Authority to establish regulation is vested in the Commission by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. A copy of this information is attached and made part of this rule.

For those interested, a copy of the rules and regulations is available upon request by contacting: Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 2000-2001 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the

Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), LR 26: (July 2000).

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 2000-2001

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	Nov. 18-Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 7-Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 7-Feb. 11	8	16
Pheasant	Nov. 18-Jan. 31	2 (Cock Only)	4
Deer	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal on private lands)	6/season

C. Deer Hunting Schedule

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	Still Hunt	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 11-Nov. 17 Jan. 22-Jan. 28	Nov. 18-Dec. 3 Jan. 8-Jan. 21	Dec. 9-Jan. 7
2	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 28-Nov. 3 Jan. 13-Jan. 19	Nov. 4-Dec. 8	Dec. 9-Jan. 12

3	Sept.16-Jan.16	Oct. 7-Oct.13 Dec. 11-Dec. 15	Oct.14-Dec.10 Dec.16-Jan. 1	
4	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 11-Nov. 17 Jan. 13-19	Nov.18-Jan.12	
5	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 11-Nov. 17 Jan. 13-19 Bucks Only	Nov. 18-26	
6	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 11-Nov. 17 Jan. 22-Jan. 28	Nov.18-Dec. 3	Dec. 9-Jan.21
7	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Oct. 7-Oct.13 Jan. 15-Jan. 21	Oct.14-Oct.29 Nov.18-Dec. 3	Dec.9-Jan.14

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Acadia	Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
Allen	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
Ascension	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Assumption	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Avoyelles	Area 1: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
	Area 6: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
Beauregard	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
Bienville	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Bossier	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Caddo	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Calcasieu	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
Caldwell	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 24-26, Dec. 2-3
Cameron	Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
Catahoula	Area 1: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3
	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 24-26, Dec. 2-3
Claiborne	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Concordia	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
DeSoto	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
East Baton Rouge	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
East Carroll	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17 East of mainline Mississippi River Levee and south and east of La. 877 from West Carroll Parish line to La. 580, south of La. 580 to U.S. 65, west of U.S. 65 to Madison parish line.
	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, the remainder of the parish.
East Feliciana	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Evangeline	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 6: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Franklin	Nov. 18-19, 24-26
Grant	Area 1: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Iberia	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
	Area 6: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
	Area 7: Oct. 14-15, Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
Iberville	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Jackson	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Jefferson	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Jefferson Davis	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
Lafayette	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
	Area 6: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Lafourche	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
LaSalle	Area 1: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
Lincoln	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Livingston	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Madison	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Morehouse	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 4: Nov. 18-19, 24-26
Natchitoches	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Orleans	Closed to all deer hunting
Ouachita	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 4: Nov. 18-19, 24-26
Plaquemines	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Pointe Coupee	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Rapides	Area 1: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
	Area 6: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Red River	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Richland	Nov. 18-19, 24-26
Sabine	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
St. Bernard	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
St. Charles	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
St. Helena	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
St. James	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
St. John	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
St. Landry	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, Nov. 24-26, Dec. 9-10
	Area 6: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
St. Martin	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
St. Mary	Area 6: Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
	Area 7: Oct. 14-15, Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
St. Tammany	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Tangipahoa	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Tensas	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Terrebonne	Oct. 14-15, Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 9-10
Union	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
Vermillion	Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
Vernon	Area 2: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
	Area 3: Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, 24-26
Washington	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Webster	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10
West Baton Rouge	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
West Carroll	Closed
West Feliciana	Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Winn	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10

E. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer on Supplemented Shooting Preserves

Archery	Modern Firearm	Either Sex	Muzzleloader
Oct. 1-Jan. 31 (Either Sex)	Nov. 1-Dec. 6 Dec. 21-23 Dec. 26-Jan.31	Nov. 1-3 Dec. 21-23 Dec. 26-30	Dec. 7-20 (Either Sex)

F. Exotics on Supplemented Shooting Preserves: Either Sex, no closed season.

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**2000-2001 SEASON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
HUNTING SCHEDULES**

1. ALEXANDER STATE FOREST (Owner - Office of Forestry-LDAF - 8,158 Acres, Region 3):

Deer: Nov. 24-26, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Oct. 28-29, Nov. 11-12, either-sex, Daily Permit.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex muzzleloader hunts for deer.

Waterfowl: Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. (Certain areas may be closed as posted).

Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreational areas.

2. ATCHAFALAYA DELTA (Owner - State of Louisiana - 141,912 Acres, Region 6):

Deer (Archery Only): Oct. 1-Dec. 31, on Main Delta only (Wax Lake Delta closed). No hunting in restricted areas. Self-Clearing permit required from Atchafalaya Delta headquarters.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT shooting hours shall be ½ hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. during opening weekends of teal and duck seasons and ½ hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of the season.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 1-Feb. 28. No hunting in restricted areas.

Trapping: Trapping is allowed only by written agreement with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited.

3. ATTAKAPAS (Owner - State of Louisiana - 25,730 Acres, Region 6):

Deer: Nov. 24-26, either-sex; Dec. 16-Jan. 1, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 6-14, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

4. BAYOU MACON (Department Owned - 6,919 Acres, Region 2):

Deer: Nov. 18-19, either-sex, hunt restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Hunters must check in at Hwy. 2 to have permit validated.

Archery: All deer must be reported at Self-Clearing Station.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 15-Feb. 11.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 15-28. Self-Clearing Permit required. Mules are allowed for nighttime raccoon hunting.

All night activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

5. BAYOU PIERRE (Department Owned - 2,212 Acres, Region 1):

Waterfowl Refuge is closed to all hunting, trapping and fishing EXCEPT archery hunting for deer, which is allowed on the entire area. Refuge is marked with "Waterfowl Refuge" signs.

Deer: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, Archery only. Either-sex. Archery hunting for deer is allowed in the waterfowl refuge.

All Small Game: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 13-Feb. 28.

Waterfowl: Entire area CLOSED for waterfowl hunting.

No ATVs or ATCs allowed on the area. Motorized vehicles are allowed only on parish roads and roads marked on WMA map.

6. **BENS CREEK** (Owner - Weyerhaeuser Co., Inc. - 13,856 Acres, Region 7):

Area Closed: Nov. 4-5, to all hunters EXCEPT Youth and Handicapped Hunters.

Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters: Nov. 4-5, Permit required for Handicapped hunters must be obtained in advance from Region Office. Self-Clearing Permit required for youth and handicapped hunters.

Deer: Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Self Clearing Permit; Dec. 9-Jan. 7, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Archery: All deer killed must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-8 and Jan. 8-24 either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm and youth hunts for deer. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 15-28, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads.

No hunting in restricted areas (See WMA map).

Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and during the spring turkey season.

7. **BIG COLEWA BAYOU** (Department Owned - 899 Acres, Region 2):

Deer: Archery only.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

ATV's restricted to designated trails. Refer to WMA map for location of designated trails. All other motorized vehicles prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited.

8. **BIG LAKE** (Department Owned - 19,231 Acres, Region 4):

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Daily Permit; Nov. 26 and Dec. 30-Jan. 7, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex gun hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 15-Feb. 11.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 15-28.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

9. **BILOXI** (Owner - Biloxi Marsh Land Corporation - 39,583 Acres, Region 7):

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbits when duck season is closed.

10. **BODCAU** (Owner - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - 34,355 Acres, Region 1):

Deer: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10 either-sex; Nov. 6-10, 13-17, 20-23, Nov. 27-Dec. 1, 4-8, bucks only.

Small Game: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 13-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 13-Feb. 11.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 13-Feb. 11.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

11. BOEUF - (Department Owned - 50,656 Acres, Region 4):

Area Closed: Nov. 4-5, to all hunters EXCEPT for Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Nov. 4-5, either-sex.

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Daily Permit; Nov. 26 and Dec. 16-24, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 15-Feb. 11. Dove hunting prohibited in unharvested agricultural fields.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. No internal combustion engines and craft allowed in Green Tree Reservoir.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 15-28.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct 1-Feb. 28. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

12. BOISE-VERNON (Owner - Boise-Cascade Company - 55,672 Acres. Region 5):

Area Closed: Oct. 21-22 to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 21-22, either-sex.

Deer: Oct. 28-29, either-sex, Daily Permit required; Oct. 30-Nov. 23, bucks only; Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permits.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 27-Dec. 3, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 6-Feb. 11. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 13-Feb. 28. Waterfowl hunting after 2:00 PM prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 15-Feb. 11, Permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

Road travel and hunting restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicle travel.

13. BUCKHORN (Department Owned - 8,956 Acres, Region 4):

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, hunt restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery; Nov. 26, Dec. 30-Jan. 7, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 15-Feb. 11.

Dove hunting prohibited in unharvested agricultural fields.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 17-28.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

14. CAMP BEAUREGARD (Louisiana National Guard - 12,500 Acres, Region 3):

Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self-Clearing permit required once per year at Range Central Building, telephone (318) 641-3355, 641-3365 or LDWF, Region III Office, telephone (318) 487-5885. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. All game harvested must be reported on self-clearing checkout permit.

Area Closed: Nov. 11-12 to all EXCEPT youth hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Nov. 11-12, either-sex, Daily Permit required. Permit available from Rifle Range Road Station only.

Deer: Dec. 30-Jan. 5, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-8, either-sex Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside, EXCEPT closed during youth deer hunt. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 15-Feb. 11. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details.

15. DEWEY W. WILLS (Department Owned - 60,276 Acres, Region 3):

Area Closed: Nov. 4-5, to all hunters EXCEPT youth and handicapped hunters.

Special Handicapped Season: Nov. 4-5, That portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal shall be open only to handicapped hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Nov. 4-5, That portion of the area south of the Diversion Canal shall be open to youth hunters only.

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Daily Permit; Nov. 26 and Dec. 30-Jan. 7, Bucks Only.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 8-14, either-sex.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth/handicapped hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28 and squirrel hunting with dogs allowed from Jan. 15-Feb. 11.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 15-28.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28 in fenced-in areas south and east of LA Hwy. 28. Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area south and east of Hwy. 28. Also, free ranging livestock EXCEPT hogs prohibited in fenced-in area north of LA Hwy. 28.

Crawfish: Limited to 100 pounds per person per day.

Roads may be closed during wet weather conditions.

16. ELM HALL (Department Owned - 2,839 Acres, Region 6):

Deer: Nov. 24, either-sex; Nov. 25-26 and Dec. 9-17, bucks only.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm deer hunts and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

No ATVs allowed.

17. FORT POLK (Owner - U.S. Army and U.S. Forest Service - 105,545 Acres, Region 5):

Daily military clearance required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7654, North Fort Polk, telephone 1-888-718-3029 or (318) 531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either-Sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. ***Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.** Trappers must also register at Building #7654 and use Self-Clearing system. Special regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued or at http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/fpk_hunt/.

Deer: Oct. 28-Nov. 23, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit; Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Daily Permit; Dec. 4-15, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit; Dec. 16-17, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit; Dec. 18-22, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit; Dec. 23-24, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit; Dec. 25-Jan. 1, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required, Special Permit, Building #7654. A selected portion of the area to be open. Special Archery regulations for Cantonment Areas, check locally at Building #7654. Either-Sex deer legal Sept. 16-Jan. 18. Remainder of WMA restricted to bucks only when Bucks-Only gun season is in progress.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Hunter Orange must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 6-Feb. 11.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Sept. 16-Feb. 28.

Fishing: Special regulations pertaining to fishing are posted at specific lakes.

18. GEORGIA-PACIFIC (Owner - Georgia-Pacific Corporation - 25,480 Acres, Region 2):

Area Closed: Oct. 21-22, to all hunters EXCEPT youth hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 21-22, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Deer: Nov. 4-12 bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit required; Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer. Dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 15-Feb. 11. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 17-30, Permit required from Monroe Region Office. EXCEPT as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.

19. GRASSY LAKE (Department Owned - 12,983 Acres, Region 6):

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Daily Permit required; Nov. 26 and Dec. 30-Jan. 7, bucks only. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 8-14, either-sex. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor Spring Bayou Headquarters or Opelousas Region Office.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited. No hunting in restricted area.

20. JACKSON-BIENVILLE (Owner - Willamette Industries, et. al. - 32,460 Acres, Region 1):

Self-Clearing Permits are required to hunt on Jackson-Bienville WMA EXCEPT when daily permits are required for the Nov. 4-5 either-sex deer hunts.

ATVs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads and timber management woods roads and trails. However, all ATVs/ATCs prohibited from March 1 through August 31.

Area Closed (portion): Oct. 21-22, on designated portions. Closed to all hunters EXCEPT youth and handicapped hunters.

Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters: Oct. 21-22, for handicapped and youth hunters only on a portion of Jackson-Bienville WMA. Contact Minden Region Office for Handicapped Permits and specific map. Handicapped Permit must be obtained in advance from any Region Office. Self-clearing permits are required.

Note: Daily Permits for the Nov. 4-5 either-sex deer hunt will be available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 3 at the Field Office Daily Permit Check Station on North Road. Daily Permit Check Stations will be open at 4:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4.

Deer: Nov. 4-5, either-sex, Daily Permit required; Nov. 18-19, 24-26, Dec.

2-3, 9-10 either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required; Nov. 20-23, Dec. 11-Jan. 1, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit required.

All deer and hogs harvested Nov. 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, must be brought to the Field Office on North Road to be weighed, inspected, photographed and tagged. Wildlife Division personnel will be at the Field Office from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the days listed.

Archery: Same as outside.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed Oct. 21-22 (portion) and Nov. 4-5. Rabbits may be hunted with beagles Jan. 13-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan 13-Feb. 11. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 13-Feb. 11.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28. All hogs must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station or Daily Permit Station.

21. JOYCE (Department Owned - 15,059 Acres, Region 7):

Deer: Same as outside, still hunt only.

Muzzleloader: Same as outside, still hunt only.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

22. LAKE BOEUF (Department Owned - 786 Acres, Region 7)

Hunting until 12:00 noon for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging.

Deer: Archery only. Same as outside.

Small Game: Same as outside.

Waterfowl: Same as outside.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

23. LAKE RAMSEY (Department Owned - 800 Acres, Region 7):

Deer: Archery only, either-sex. Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Foot traffic only - All vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

24. LITTLE RIVER (Department Owned - 3840 Acres, Region 3):

Deer: Nov. 4-12, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-8, either-sex.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 15-28.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 15-Feb. 11. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28.

Roads may be closed during wet conditions.

25. LOGGY BAYOU (Department Owned - 4,085, State land Office-159, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers-2,353 Acres, Region 1):

Self-Clearing Permit required for all persons hunting on Loggy Bayou WMA EXCEPT when Daily Permits are required during the either-sex gun hunts for deer. Daily Permits will be available only from the Check Station at the campground.

Area Closed: Oct. 21-22 to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters. (Loggy Bayou boat ramp will remain open for non-area users.)

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 21-22, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required. Refer to WMA General Regulations for hunt requirements. All other activities CLOSED.

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, EXCEPT closed Oct. 21-22 to all but Youth Hunters.

Deer: Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Daily Permit required. Daily Permit available

at main campground only.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 27-Dec. 3, either-sex. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex gun hunts for deer and youth hunts. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 13-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 13-Feb. 11.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Self-Clearing Permit required. Closed Nov. 24-26.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 13-Feb. 11, Self-Clearing Permit required.

26. MANCHAC (Department Owned - 8,328 Acres, Region 7):

Deer (Archery Only): Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Steel shot required for rails, snipe and gallinules.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

27. OUACHITA (Department Owned - 8,746 Acres, Region 2):

Area Closed: Oct. 21-22 to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Waterfowl Refuge: North of LA Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during waterfowl season.

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 21-22, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Deer: Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Daily Permit required; Dec. 16-Jan. 1, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Waterfowl: South of LA Hwy. 15, same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during waterfowl season.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Oct. 1-13, Oct. 28-Nov. 19, Jan. 20-Feb. 4, Permit required from Monroe Region Office.

Crawfish: April 1-May 31, 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight.

Commercial Fishing: Closed.

All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

28. PASS-A-LOUTRE (Department Owned - 110,491 Acres, Region 8):

Waterfowl: Same as outside.

Archery: Same as outside. Either-sex, Special Permit required from Pass-a-Loutre Headquarters.

Small Game: Same as outside. Beagles allowed only when duck and archery seasons are closed.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Commercial Fishing: Same as outside, commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA Map.

Oyster harvesting is prohibited.

ATVS, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

29. PEARL RIVER (Department Owned - 35,031 Acres, Region 7):

Area Closed: Nov. 4-5 to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Nov. 4-5, either-sex. All deer and hogs must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station.

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Daily Permit required; Nov. 26 and Dec. 9-31, bucks only. All deer and hogs killed must be reported at Self-Clearing Check Station. English Bayou Check Station will be relocated to the Curtis Johnson Water Park Landing for the Daily Permit either sex hunt.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-8, Jan. 1-14, either-sex. All deer and hogs must be

reported at Self-Clearing Check Station.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 15-Feb. 11.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and EXCEPT no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge Area. Closed north of US Hwy. 90 during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Oct. 7-15 and Jan. 15-28, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28. All hogs must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station.

All roads closed 8 p.m. - 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet EXCEPT waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90.

No hunting in the vicinity of the Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a \$5.00 fee.

30. PEASON RIDGE (Owner - U.S. Army - 33,010 Acres, Region 5):

Daily military clearance required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7654, North Fort Polk, telephone no. 1-888-718-3029 or (318) 531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either-Sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. ***Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drivers and standers, drivers, or making use of noises or noise making-devices is prohibited.** Trappers must also register at Building #7654 and use Self-Clearing system.

Special federal regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued. (http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/fpk_hunt/).

Deer: Nov. 4-Nov. 23, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit; Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Daily Permit; Dec. 4-15, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit; Dec. 16-17, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit; Dec. 18-22, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit; Dec. 23-24, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit; Dec. 25-Jan. 1, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required. Special Permits available at Building #7654. A selected portion of the area to be open.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 6-Feb. 11.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

31. POINTE-AU-CHIEN (Department Owned - 32,885 Acres, Region 8):

Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME EXCEPT for DOVE hunting as specified below. Point Farm: (Gate will be open during opening weekend of the second split of dove season and all weekends during the month of Feb.). No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches.

Deer: Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 2-10, bucks only, EXCEPT no gun hunting allowed on Point Farm property (Archery only).

Archery: Same as outside.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles prohibited during duck season and gun hunts for deer. Point Farm property, same as outside EXCEPT beagles prohibited during opening weekends of each dove season segment.

Dove: Shooting hours same as outside season during opening weekends only of each season segment on Point Farm properties, otherwise morning hunting only.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 12 noon prohibited. Experimental Lottery Handicapped Waterfowl Hunt. Contact New Orleans, Fur and Refuge Division for details (504)-568-5886.

All Other Game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only.

Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only.

During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the Wildlife Management Area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish is for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. are prohibited in the Montegut and Grand Bayou marsh management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue and Grand Bayou Blue.

Vehicles are prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by the Department.

ATVS, ATCs, and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

32. POMME DE TERRE (Department Owned - 6,434 Acres, Region 6):

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Daily Permit; Nov. 26 and Dec. 30-Jan. 7, bucks only. Self-Clearing permit required.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 8-14, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbit Jan. 15- Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 15-Feb. 11. Waterfowl hunting after 2:00 p.m. prohibited.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing Permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Region Office or Spring Bayou Headquarters.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed only after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct 1-Feb. 28.

Crawfish: Apr. 1-July 31, 100 pounds per person per day limit. No traps or nets left overnight.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

33. RED RIVER (Department Owned - 24,494 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers - 11,717 Acres, Region 4):

Area Closed: Nov. 4-5 to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Nov. 4-5, either-sex.

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Daily Permit; Nov. 26 and Dec. 30-Jan. 7, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer and EXCEPT no hunting in unharvested agricultural fields. Snipe, rail and gallinule hunting restricted on Yakey Wetland Development Area during pre-application lottery hunts.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. That portion known as the Yakey Farm is closed to all hunting from Nov. 6-Jan. 23 EXCEPT for hunters selected by pre-application lottery. Deadline for application is Sept. 22, 2000. Contact Region Office for details. Persons participating in the Lottery Hunts may take migratory game birds if legal.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

Crawfishing prohibited on Yakey Farms wetland restoration projects.

34. RUSSELL SAGE (Department Owned - 17,122 Acres, Region 2):

Deer: Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Daily Permit required; Dec. 16-Jan. 1, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permits required.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 15-Feb. 11. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck season.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Oct. 1-13, Oct. 28-Nov. 19 and Jan. 20-Feb. 4, Permit required from Monroe Region Office.

Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit.

Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited.

All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

Note: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (US 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

35. SABINE (Owner - International Paper Company, Boise-Cascade Co, Et Al - 13,706 Acres, Region 3):

Area Closed: Oct. 14-15, to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 14-15, either-sex.

Deer: Nov. 4-5, Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required; Nov. 6-Nov. 22, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Oct. 28-29, Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunt for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 15-Feb. 13. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan 15-28.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

36. SABINE ISLAND (Owner - State of Louisiana and Calcasieu Parish School Board - 8,103 Acres, Region 5):

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 6-Feb. 11.

Deer: Same as Area 2 Deer Season EXCEPT still hunt only.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 15-Feb. 11, Permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

37. SALVADOR/TIMKEN (Department Owned - 32,617 Acres, Region 8):

Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging.

Area Closed: Oct. 21-22, to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 21-22, either-sex, no permit required, see Youth Deer Hunt regulations.

Deer: Nov. 24-26, either-sex; Dec. 5-18, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Archery: Same as outside.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts and youth hunt for deer and EXCEPT beagles prohibited during duck and gun hunts for deer. Steel shot required for Gallinule.

Waterfowl: Same as outside.

Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads

on) maximum may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the Wildlife Management Area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 h.p. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes "Baie Des Chactas" and Baie Du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Operation of the above described internal combustion engines in interior ditches is prohibited, EXCEPT by experimental permit to be obtained from the New Orleans Office, Fur and Refuge Division, Room 217.

Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited.

Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenasses). Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact New Orleans Region Office-Fur and Refuge Division.

ATVS, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

38. SANDY HOLLOW (Department Owned - 3,515 Acres, Region 7):

Deer: Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required; Dec. 9-24, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Archery: All deer killed must be reported at Self-Clearing Check Station.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting Jan. 15-Feb. 28.

Quail & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT Quail opens Nov. 20 (Monday) and closes Jan. 31 and EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Raccoon: Jan. 15-28, Self-Clearing Permit Required.

Dove: Sept. 2 and Sept. 9-10 only of first split. Closed remainder of 1st split, second and third splits are same as outside EXCEPT Youth Hunt on Northern tract during the opening day of the first segment (Sept. 2). Hunt restricted to youths younger than 16 years of age and supervising adult who must be 18 years of age or older. The supervising adult must maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

Waterfowl: Same as outside season EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Bird Dog Training: Sept. 7-Nov. 13 and Feb. 1-March 2 EXCEPT restricted to that portion south of LA Hwy. 10 only and EXCEPT blank pistols only. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited).

Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge Region Office.

Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited.

Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas.

No motorized vehicles off designated roads.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

39. SHERBURNE (Department Owned - 11,780 Acres; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - 15,220 Acres; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - 14,000 Acres, Region 6):

The area known as the South Farm is located on the East Side of Sherburne WMA. No hunting will be allowed EXCEPT waterfowl hunting within the levee system of the farm from the day after the Youth Deer Hunt until the day after waterfowl season closes including the Youth Waterfowl Hunt. Waterfowl hunting will be

allowed by lottery only. Hunting will be allowed in the wooded portions east of the waterfowl impoundments. Consult the WMA maps for exact locations.

Area Closed: Nov. 4-5 EXCEPT to Youth and Handicapped hunters.

Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunt: Nov. 4-5 either-sex, ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED. Permits for handicapped hunters must be obtained from Region Offices. Youth and Handicapped Permits must be obtained daily from WMA Permit Stations.

Deer: Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 2-3, either-sex, Daily Permit required; Dec. 30-Jan. 7, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permits.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 8-14, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunt for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 15-Feb. 11.

Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail, & Gallinules: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer (excluding the South Farm Complex) and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited EXCEPT no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge and EXCEPT steel shot only on waterfowl impoundments. That portion of Sherburne WMA known as the South Farm restricted to Lottery hunts only. All other hunting closed on South Farm complex Nov. 6-Jan. 23. Contact the Region Office for details and description of "South Farm."

Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Dove: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer.

Quail: CLOSED.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 15-28, Permit required from WMA Headquarters or Opelousas Office.

Crawfishing: April 1-July 31, Recreational crawfishing only on the North and South Farm Complexes. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per vehicle or boat per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed on farm complex. Commercial crawfishing allowed on the remainder of the area. Permit is required.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details.

Vehicular traffic prohibited on East Atchafalaya River Basin levee road within Sherburne WMA boundaries.

Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office, telephone (225) 765-2931. No trespassing in restricted areas behind ranges.

Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

40. SICILY ISLAND HILLS (Department Owned - 7,504 Acres, Region 4):

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Daily Permit required; Nov. 26, Dec. 16-24, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2:00 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Firearms and any game harvested may not be transported through the area EXCEPT during the corresponding open season on area.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

41. SODA LAKE (Caddo Levee District - 1,300 Acres, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers-1,200 Acres. Region 1):

Note: Due to the addition of new acreage the management plan for Soda Lake WMA is being developed. Contact the Minden Region office (318)-371-3050 for possible changes in regulations and maps.

No motorized vehicles allowed. Bicycles allowed. Vehicle parking allowed only in designated parking area on La. Hwy. 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer.

Deer: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex, archery only.

Sport Fishing: Apr. 1-Aug. 31.

42. SPRING BAYOU (Department Owned - 12,506 Acres, Region 6):

Area Closed: Nov. 4-5, EXCEPT to Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Nov. 4-5, either-sex.

Deer: Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Daily Permit required; Nov. 27 and Dec. 30-Jan. 7, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 8-14, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer, EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and EXCEPT no hunting in Refuge area during duck season. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Region Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Permit required from area supervisor.

No hunting allowed in Headquarters area.

Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and Regulations posted at campsite. A fee is assessed for use of this campsite.

Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

43. THISTLETHWAITE (Owner - Thistlethwaite Heirs -11,100 Acres, Region 6):

Deer: Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Daily Permit; Dec. 2-10, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 18-24, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA map).

All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only.

All users must enter and leave through Main Gate only.

No entry into restricted areas.

44. THREE RIVERS (Department Owned - 26,205 Acres; Office of State Lands-835 Acres, U.S. Corps of Engineers - 1,085 Acres, Region 4):

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Daily Permit required; Nov. 26 and Dec. 30-Jan. 7, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. is prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 15-28.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.

45. TUNICA HILLS (Department Owned - 5,358 Acres, Region 7):

All management area users, including non-hunters, must have Daily Self-Clearing Permit.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 24-Dec. 10, either-sex.

Archery: Same as outside. All deer killed must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed Nov. 24-Dec. 10 and waterfowl hunting after 2:00 p.m. prohibited. All handguns and .22 caliber rifles prohibited north of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract).

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATVs restricted to designated trails. Driving on food plots prohibited. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map.

Camping prohibited on area.

North of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract) closed to the general public March 1-September 30 EXCEPT spring turkey hunting access allowed for those individuals drawn for special lottery hunt.

46. UNION (Owner - Plum Creek Timber Co., Louisiana Correctional Facilities Corp., et al - 12,852 Acres, Region 2):

Deer: Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 15-Feb. 28. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

47. WEST BAY (Owner - Boise-Cascade Co., Kirby Lumber Co., et al - 63,511 Acres, Region 5):

Area Closed: Oct. 21-22, to all hunters EXCEPT youth and handicapped hunters.

Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters: Oct. 21-22, for handicapped and youth hunters only. Permit for handicapped hunters must be obtained in advance from the Region Office. Youth Permits must be obtained from the Wolf Bay Camping Area Permit Station on Hwy. 112.

Deer: Nov. 4-5, either-sex, Daily Permit required; Nov. 6-23, bucks only; Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 27-Dec. 3, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 13-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 6-Feb. 11. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 15-Feb. 11, permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

Road Travel and Hunting Restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

48. WISNER (Owner - Edward Wisner Donation Advisory Committee - 15,000 Acres, Region 7):

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT rabbit season closed during open waterfowl season. Beagles allowed during closed waterfowl season.

KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

(EXCEPT Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District & Caney Ranger District)

Deer: Oct. 28-29, either-sex, muzzleloader; Nov. 4-5, either-sex, still hunt only; Nov. 6-13, bucks only, still hunt only; Nov. 18-23, bucks only, still hunt only; Nov. 24, either-sex, still hunt only; Nov. 25-26, bucks only, still hunt only; Dec. 9, either-sex, with or without dogs; Dec. 10, bucks only, with or without dogs; Dec. 28-Jan. 1, bucks only, with or without dogs.

National Forest lands within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District,

described in still hunt only area shall be still hunt only.

**VERNON UNIT OF THE CALCASIEU RANGER DISTRICT
VERNON PARISH Excluding Fort Polk WMA**

Deer: Oct. 28-29, either-sex, muzzleloader; Nov. 4-5, either-sex, still hunt only; Nov. 6-13, bucks only, still hunt only; Nov. 18-23, bucks only, still hunt only; Nov. 24, either-sex, still hunt only; Nov. 25-26, bucks only, still hunt only; Dec. 9-10, bucks only, still hunt only; Dec. 28-Jan. 1, bucks only, still hunt only.

CANEY RANGER DISTRICT, WEBSTER AND CLAIBORNE PARISHES

Deer: Same as outside (Area 2) EXCEPT still hunt only. *See Area 2 for either-sex dates in Webster and Claiborne Parishes.

OTHER SEASONS ON KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

All Other Small Game: Same as outside.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters while hunting and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress.

The placing of seed, corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement for any species including hogs is prohibited on National Forest Lands, EXCEPT by Special Permit issued by the U.S. Forest Service. Hunting over such feed is prohibited on all National Forest lands.

Moving deer or hogs with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noise or noise-making devices is prohibited.

Raccoons and opossums may be taken during daylight or nighttime from Oct. 7-Feb. 28 only. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, EXCEPT during the trapping season when there shall be no limit.

NATIONAL CATAHOULA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE

(Owner - Kisatchie National Forest - 36,000 Acres in Grant and Winn Parishes):

Season Permit required from Forest Supervisors Office in addition to Daily Permits required as indicated below:

Deer: Oct. 14-15, either-sex, special youth hunt, Daily Permit. Also, either-sex, special season for physically challenged hunters with a LDWF Physically Challenged Hunt Permit, Daily Permit; Oct. 28-29, either-sex, muzzleloader; Nov. 4-5, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit; Nov. 24, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit; Nov. 25-26, bucks only, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbit Jan. 13-Feb. 28 only. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the Wildlife Management Preserve.

Squirrel: Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 13-Feb. 11.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Dogs allowed Jan. 13-30.

All Other Game: Consult Regulations Pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

NATIONAL RED DIRT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE

(Owner - Kisatchie National Forest - 38,000 Acres in Natchitoches Parish):

Season Permit required from Forest Supervisors Office in addition to Daily Permits required as indicated below:

Deer: Oct. 14-15, either-sex special youth hunt, Daily Permit. Also, either-sex, special season for physically challenged hunters with a LDWF Physically Challenged Hunt Permit, Daily Permit; Oct. 28-29, either-sex, muzzleloader; Nov.

4-5, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit; Nov. 24, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit; Nov. 25-26, bucks only, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbit Jan. 13-Feb. 28, only. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the Wildlife Management Preserve.

Squirrel: Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 13-Feb. 11.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Dogs allowed Jan. 13-Feb. 11.

All Other Game: Consult Regulations Pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

To obtain permits and information contact: Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, LA 71360, telephone (318) 473-7160. Office hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS - INDIAN BAYOU AREA

(18,000 Acres within St. Landry Parish):

Annual Hunting Permit required. Permits may be obtained from Corps of Engineers Headquarters, 112 Speck Lane, Port Barre, LA 70577, telephone (318) 585-0854 or 585-0853 for more information.

All hunting shall be still hunting only, EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

Area Closed: Nov. 4-5, EXCEPT to youth and handicapped hunters.

Youth & Handicapped Hunters Deer Hunt: Nov. 4-5, either-sex. ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED.

All Other Deer Hunting: Self-Clearing Deer Tag Required. Daily Limit-1 Deer; Yearly Limit-4 Deer (2 Does; 2 Bucks, 6-Points or better) EXCEPT spikes less than 3 inches legal on either-sex days ONLY.

Deer: Nov. 24-26, either-sex; Dec. 2-3, either-sex Dec. 30-Jan. 7, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 11-17, either-sex; Jan. 22-28, bucks only.

Archery: Same as outside season.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Dogs allowed for squirrels and rabbits Jan. 13-Jan. 21 and Jan. 29-Feb. 11. Dogs allowed for rabbits Feb. 12-Feb. 28.

Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail & Gallinule: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer. Additional Permit required for night hunting.

Crawfishing: Feb. 1-Aug. 31 Additional Permit required, available Jan. 1.

Dove and Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer.

Quail: Closed.

Federal Refuges, National Parks and other lands Hunting Seasons
2000-2001

For Commission Consideration and Approval

Not for Inclusion in the Regulations Pamphlet

Properties Include:

Federal Refuges
Jean Lafitte National Park
Camp Avondale Scout Ranch
Avery Island
Barksdale Air Force Base
Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant
FMHA Properties owned by the Department

BAYOU COCODRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
(Proposed) 2000-2001 HUNT SCHEDULE

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

RABBIT AND SQUIRREL

General Gun

Oct. 7 - Nov. 10

Jan. 22 - Feb. 11, 2000 *with a winter*

State Regulations

General Permits

Added one week onto second hunt

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

DEER (EITHER SEX)

Archery

Nov. 4 - Nov. 10

Nov. 17 - Jan. 19, 2000

State Regulations

General Permits

None

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

DEER (EITHER SEX)

General Gun (Youth Hunt)

Nov. 11 - 12

State Regulations

General Permits

None

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

DEER (EITHER SEX)

Muzzleloader

Nov. 13 - Nov. 16

Jan. 20 - 21 (lottery)

State Regulations

General Permits

Added a two day lottery hunt

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

WOODCOCK

General Gun

Jan. 22 - Jan. 30, 2000

State Regulations

General Permits

None

Proposed Hunt Dates: Big Branch Marsh NWR 2000 - 2001

Deer: Archery—State season

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck season, includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Additionally: The first three weekends of the regular state duck season will be a lottery draw hunt. A total of 150 draw permits will be issued for each weekend of this period.

Squirrel: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer season. Shotguns only, non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.

Rabbit: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer season. Shotguns only, non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.

Gallinules & Rails: State Season. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.

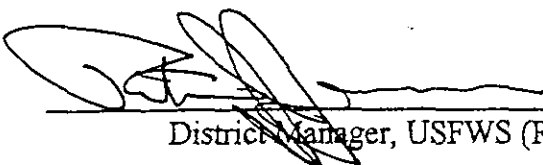
Snipe & Woodcock: State Season. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

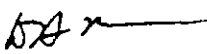
Quail: State Season. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

Hogs: May be taken only during the refuge archery hunt.

Possession of lead shot during all refuge hunts is prohibited.

Recommended By:  2/9/2000
Refuge Manager Date

Approved By:  2/9/00
District Manager, USFWS (RF-1) Date

Concurrence By:  9 Feb 2000
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Date

Proposed Hunt Dates: Bogue Chitto NWR (Louisiana) 2000-2001

Deer: Archery—October 1-31 (either sex), January 1-14 (either sex)

Deer: General Gun Hunt—November ²⁴~~25~~ (either sex), November 18-²³~~24~~, December 16-24 (Bucks only)

Still hunt only, no dogs permitted during refuge deer hunts.

Squirrel: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer season. Non-toxic shot only.

Rabbit: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer season. Non-toxic shot only.

Raccoon: January 15 - February 28 (with dogs)

Turkey: State season (gobblers only)

Waterfowl: State season until noon

Woodcock: State season. Non-toxic shot only - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

Hogs: May be taken only during the refuge deer archery and general gun hunts. Additionally: from January 15 - February 28, hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs during daylight hours only. All hogs must be killed prior to removal from the refuge.

Possession of lead shot during refuge small game hunts is prohibited.

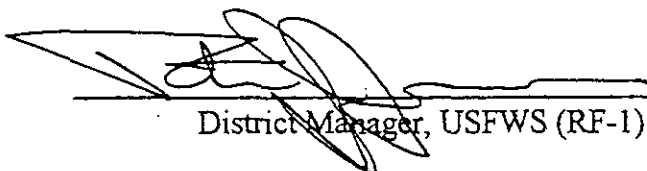
Recommended By:


Refuge Manager

Date

2/9/2000

Approved By:


District Manager, USFWS (RF-1)

Date

2/9/00

Concurrence By:



Louisiana Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries

Date

9/6/2000

**CAMERON PRAIRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
2000 HUNT SEASON**

Species:	Either-sex deer
Type hunt:	Archery
Season:	All dates of October
Bag limit:	State regulations
Permits:	Season permits required
Other requirements:	Must have proof of completion for the International Bowhunters Education Program.
Stands:	Only portable stands may be used and must be removed by October 31 of each year.
Firearms:	None are allowed
Check stations:	All deer harvested must be checked at a self-clearing check station.
Significant changes:	None

Youth Waterfowl Hunt: 2000

Species:	Waterfowl (ducks & geese)
Type hunt:	Limited Youth (up to 2) accompanied by an adult. 5 blinds hunted/day
Season:	Selected Saturdays of Louisiana west zone duck season. Possibly 1 - 2 days during Thanksgiving & Christmas school holidays.
Bag limit:	State regulations
Permits:	One day permits to be issued through lottery drawing.
Other requirements:	All youth and adult participants must have proof of completion of Louisiana hunter education course or accepted state hunter education course.
Firearms:	Shotguns with approved non-toxic shot.
Significant changes:	No goose only hunts will be conducted during 2000

Experimental Rabbit Hunt: 2000

Species:	Rabbits (swamp & cottontail)
Type hunt:	Limited lottery drawn hunts. Remaining Saturdays of rabbit season following the closure of waterfowl season.
Bag Limit:	State regulations
Permits:	Five group (up to six individuals), one day permits to be issued through lottery drawing.
Other requirements:	Hunts will be conducted between 8:00AM & 4:00PM. Up to 4 dogs may be used at one time. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used during experimental rabbit season.
Firearms:	Shotguns with approved non-toxic shot.
Significant changes:	First experimental rabbit hunt. If unforeseen problems arise, experimental rabbit hunt will not be conducted in following years.

Experimental Snipe Hunt: 2000

Species:	Snipe
Type hunt:	General public
Season:	Remaining dates of snipe season following the closure of waterfowl season. Hunts will be conducted from 12:00 noon to sunset Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday.
Bag Limit:	State regulations
Permits:	Season permits required
Other requirements:	Daily harvest data must be completed following hunt and placed in collection box prior to departing refuge.
Firearms:	Shotguns with approved non-toxic shot
Significant changes:	First experimental snipe hunt. If unforeseen problems arise, experimental snipe hunt will not be conducted in following years.

CATAHOULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Hunt Programs For 2000-2001

Species:	Squirrel (rabbit, raccoon, and unmarked hog incidental -no dogs)
Type Hunt:	Gun (.22 rifle or shotgun w/non-toxic shot)
Season:	First day of State season through October 31, and from end of waterfowl season through February 11, 2001 Rabbit hunting with dogs (Justiss Field only). End of waterfowl season through February 28, 2001
Bag Limit:	State Regulations
Permits:	Season permit and daily bag report
Species:	Deer and unmarked hog (squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon incidental)
Type Hunt:	Archery
Season:	State season
Bag Limit:	State regulations (either-sex)
Permits:	Season permit and daily bag report
Proposed Changes:	None

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RUSHLEY BAYOU UNIT

INTERIM HUNTING PROGRAMS

Note: Hunting programs will be implemented to the extent possible if land acquisition is completed prior to the start of the State hunting seasons. Refuge Hunting Plan is currently being revised. Migratory bird hunting will require opening of the refuge through the Federal Register Process to this activity.

Waterfowl	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until 2:00pm State season (closed during gun deer hunts) Hunting area south of Greens Creek and section 22/23 access road
Waterfowl (Limited Youth)	State Youth Waterfowl Day Proof of Hunter Education Required
Doves, Rails, Gallinules, Snipe	Incidental species may be taken during refuge hunts if state season is open
Rabbit and Squirrel (without dogs)	1 st Saturday in Oct. through end of duck season
Rabbit and Squirrel (with/without dogs)	Close of waterfowl season through end of State squirrel season
Woodcock (with/without dogs)	State season (Dec. 13 - Jan. 31)
Hogs, Raccoons (without dogs)	Incidental species may be taken during all refuge hunts
Deer (Archery)	Oct. 1 through Jan. 31 (closed during gun deer hunts) Proof of certification required
Deer (Muzzleloader)	Dec 2-5 (Same dates as Dewey Wills WMA) Either-sex, one deer per day
Deer (Firearm)	Nov. 26-27 (Same dates as Dewey Wills WMA) (Limited Permit) Either-sex, one deer per day

D'ARBONNE AND UPPER OUACHITA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES
PROPOSED SEASONS, 2000-2001* ** ***

Species: Waterfowl
Season: Mornings only during State season except
closed for early teal season
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: Mollicy Unit remains open to goose hunting
after duck season closes.

Species: Squirrel, rabbit, quail, woodcock,
Type Hunt: General -- dogs allowed for squirrel
and rabbit hunting after the last
refuge deer gun season
Season: State season
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: Steel shot required for shotguns

Species: Raccoon and opossum
Type Hunt: General
Season: December only (may also take raccoons and
opossum during rabbit season)
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-sex deer
Type Hunt: Archery
Season: State season
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-sex deer (D'Arbonne)
Type Hunt: General (gun, muzzleloader, archery)
Season: November 4-5, November 24-25
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-sex deer and hogs (Upper Ouachita
only)
Type Hunt: General (gun, muzzleloader, archery)
Season: All either sex dates in Union Parish
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: Special hunt to reduce hog population on
Upper Ouachita. Hunt will be eliminated
once hog population reaches acceptable
levels

Species: Either-sex deer, D'Arbonne NWR only
Type Hunt: Handicapped
Season: November 18-19
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: New hunt. For hunters with Physically
Challenged Hunters Permit.

* the refuge hunting brochure serves as the required permit

** beaver, coyote and feral hog may be taken during any of the
above seasons

*** The area outside the levee on the Mollicy Unit of Upper
Ouachita NWR will be open the same as the rest of the refuge

Proposed Hunt Dates: Delta NWR 2000 - 2001

Deer: Archery--October 1-31 (either sex) and from the day after the close of the state duck season through January 31.

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck seasons, includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Additionally: The refuge shall be open on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the 'light goose' special conservation season.

Rabbit: ^{Feb 1-28} ~~From the day after the close of the state duck season through February 28. Shotguns only, nontoxic shot only. Beagles permitted, when duck and archery season are closed.~~

Hogs: May be taken during the deer archery hunt.

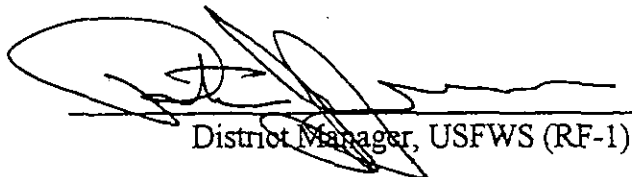
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Recommended By:


Refuge Manager

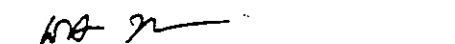
2/9/2000
Date

Approved By:


District Manager, USFWS (RF-1)

2/9/00
Date

Concurrence By:


Louisiana Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries

Feb 2000
Date

**LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 2000/2001 SEASON**

Migratory Game Birds

Species:	Waterfowl and gallinules
Type Hunt:	General gun.
Waterfowl Season:	Mornings until noon on Wednesday through Sunday during State duck seasons (including early teal and youth hunt) for western zone.
Gallinule Season:	Mornings until noon on Wednesday through Sunday during State duck seasons until end of State gallinule season (including early teal and youth hunt) for western zone.
Bag Limit:	Same as state bag limits.
Permits:	Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.
Significant Changes:	None.

Hunting of geese, ducks, coots, and gallinules is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is permitted Wednesday through Sunday.
2. Hunting ends at noon each day.
3. Hunters may not enter the hunting area before 4 am.
4. Hunting is not permitted within 50 yards of a canal or waterway.
5. Hunters must use and be in possession only of shells containing Federally approved non-toxic shot and firearms legal for hunting waterfowl.
6. Only portable blinds are permitted. Blinds must be spaced a minimum of 150 yards apart.
7. Decoys may not be set to attract waterfowl after noon each day.
8. Decoys and blinds must be removed from the refuge by the last day of each season and each split of a split season.
9. Hunting is not permitted during the goose-only portion of the waterfowl season.
10. Motorized boats may be used only in canals and bayous. Access into the marsh and ponds is permitted by walking, poling, paddling or rowing.
11. Hunters may scout in the hunting area from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset during the week prior to each season.

**LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 2000/2001 SEASON**

Big Game

Species:	Deer, either sex.
Type Hunt:	Archery.
Season:	October 1 through 31.
Bag Limit:	One deer of either sex per day.
Permits:	Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.
Significant Changes:	None

Hunting of white-tailed deer is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is permitted from October 1 through October 31.
2. Only archery hunting is permitted.
3. Permanent deer stands not permitted. Portable stands must be removed by October 31.
4. No person may possess or distribute bait or hunt over bait.
5. No firearms allowed.
6. Hunters may scout from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset prior to the season.
7. All boats are prohibited in Lacassine Pool and Unit A after October 15. The following boat access restrictions apply: Lacassine Pool - boats with motors of 25 h.p. or less from Oct. 1 - 15; Unit A - boats without motors from Oct. 1 - 15; Canals and Bayous outside Lacassine Pool - no limitation on motors Oct. 1 - 31; and Marshes outside Lacassine Pool - boats without motors Oct. 1 - 31.

LA Hunt Coordination Meeting

2000-01 Hunting Season

MANDALAY NWR

Deer and Hog

Archery only from October 1 - 31.

Waterfowl

Lottery draw for 5 permanent 3-man blinds on Wednesday and Saturday of state season.
Saturday hunts require youth (age 10-15) participation.

BAYOU TECHE NWR (Experimental Season)

No property has been acquired at this time.

*Private
Lands
Are Available*

Upon acquisition, the following experimental hunts will be available during the entire state seasons:

Deer (Archery only, either sex, one deer/day)

Raccoon

Rabbit

Squirrel

Woodcock

Hogs (may be taken during archery or small game hunts)

Waterfowl

Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday until noon.

Dogs are only allowed for woodcock and waterfowl hunts.

**SABINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
2000-2001 PROPOSED HUNTING REGULATIONS**

SPECIES:	Early Teal (September)
TYPE HUNT:	General Gun
SEASON:	Morning until noon on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday during the Louisiana season for the Western Zone
BAG LIMIT:	Same as State
PERMITS:	Hunting regulations serve as permit
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:	None

SPECIES:	Waterfowl (Ducks, Coots, and Geese)
TYPE HUNT:	General Gun
SEASON:	Morning until noon on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday during the Louisiana season for the Western Zone
BAG LIMIT:	Same as State
PERMITS:	Hunting regulations serve as permit
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:	None

SPECIES:	Waterfowl (Ducks, Coots, and Geese)
TYPE HUNT:	Youth Hunt Only
SEASON:	Same as State
BAG LIMIT:	Same as State
PERMITS:	Hunting regulations serve as permit
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:	None

Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge

2000 - 2001 Proposed Hunt Schedule

Species: Turkey
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: March 25 - April 23, 2000
Bag Limit: 2 per License Year
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: None

Species: Squirrel (No Dogs)
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: Oct. 7 - Dec. 8 (Closed During Deer Gun Hunts)
Bag Limit: State Limits Apply
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: None

Species: Squirrel (With / Without Dogs)
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: Dec 11 - ~~Jan 31~~ Feb. 11.
Bag Limit: State Limits Apply
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: None

Species: Rabbit (No Dogs)
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: Oct. 7 - Dec. 8 (Closed During Deer Gun Hunts)
Bag Limit: State Limits Apply
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: None

Species: Rabbit (With / Without Dogs)
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: Dec 11 - ~~Jan 31~~ Feb 11
Bag Limit: State Limits Apply
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: None

Species: Raccoon
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: Dec 11 - Jan 31 Feb 11
Bag Limit: State Limits Apply
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt: Archery
Season: Oct 28 - Jan 31
Bag Limit: State Limits Apply
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt: Youth
Season: Nov 11 - 12 4-5
Bag Limit: One Deer per Day
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure Proof of Hunter Education Required
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt: Limited Youth
Season: Dec 27 - 28, 2000
Bag Limit: One Deer per Day
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure Proof of Hunter Education Required
Significant Changes:

Species: Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt: Muzzleloader
Season: Nov 27 - Dec 1
Bag Limit: One Deer per Day
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt: General Gun - 1
Season: Nov 24 - 25
Bag Limit: One Deer Per Day
Permit: Limited Permit Hunt (Lottery)
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt: General Gun - 2
Season: Dec 9 - 10
Bag Limit: One Deer Per Day
Permit: Limited Permit Hunt (Lottery)
Significant Changes: None

Species: Waterfowl
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: Tues. Thur. Sat. Sun. Until Noon During
Regular State Season. Closed During Gun
Hunts For Deer
Bag Limit: State Limits Apply
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: Additional Acreage Open

Species: Waterfowl
Type Hunt: Limited Youth
Season: State Youth Waterfowl Day
Bag Limit: State limits Apply
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure Proof of Hunter
Education Required
Significant Changes: New *and Time*

Species: Hogs
Type Hunt: General Gun and Archery
Season: Open during squirrel, rabbit, and archery
season. Closed during general gun hunts for
deer, muzzleloader hunt, turkey season.
Daylight hours only.
Bag Limit: State Limits Apply
Permit: Season Permits on Brochure
Significant Changes: None

Species: Woodcock
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: Dec 11 - Jan 31
Bag Limit: State Limits Apply
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: None



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve
365 Canal Street, Suite 2400
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130-1142

IN REPLY, REFER TO:

N1615 (JELA)

February 28, 2000

James H. Jenkins, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries
P.O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898

Re: 2000-2001 Hunting Seasons

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve proposes the following dates for its 2000-2001 hunting seasons within the Barataria Preserve unit in Jefferson Parish, area six:

Deer (and Eurasian Wild Boar, either sex)

Archery

October 14-December 17, 2000
December 30, 2000-January 21, 2001

Either Sex

October 14-December 3, 2000

Still Hunt (shotgun only)

November 18-December 3, 2000
December 9-17, 2000
December 30, 2000-January 21, 2001

Either Sex

November 18-19, December 9-10, 2000

Small Game

October 16-December 17, 2000
December 30, 2000-January 21, 2001

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As in the past, seasons within the preserve track dates of the State season. All hunting ends daily at 12 noon. Hunting is by permit only.

We have enclosed for your perusal a copy of the 1999-2000 Barataria Preserve hunting brochure and map.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call David Muth, Chief of Resource Management, on (504) 589-3882, extension 128.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Geraldine Smith".

Geraldine Smith
Superintendent

cc: David Moreland, Deer Study Leader
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL

The Department requests the Commission approve a special either-sex deer season for the Camp Avondale Scout Reservation in East Feliciana Parish:

November 11-12-13, 2000.

Purpose of the Scout Hunt

There are 2 primary reasons for the Scout Deer Hunt on the Avondale Boy Scout Reservation:

1. To provide some quality outdoor recreational opportunities for the Scouts, and to promote a close father/son activity.
2. To provide a biological control of the deer herd. Without some type of hunting the deer herd will continue to expand beyond the ability of the range to support it. Overpopulation will result in deterioration of the range and decline in herd health.

Background

Most of East Feliciana Parish has a late deer rut occurring from mid-December to early January. When the Scout hunt was first initiated 15 years ago it was conducted late in the year. The resulting kill was very low despite high deer populations. A number of years later Department Biologist, Dave Moreland discovered and was able to document the deer herd in the Avondale area had very early rut similar that encountered in western Louisiana. It was determined there is a small area near Clinton which exhibits the odd early rut.

For a number of years the Department designated an earlier opening season zone for this small area which enabled hunters to take advantage of the early rut. Several years ago a group of local landowners circulated a petition requesting this deer hunting season area be moved back into the later zone and be similiar to that of the rest of the parish. No significant objection was heard from most other landowners in the small zone, and after being warned most of the rut would be over before the season even started, the Department went ahead and moved the small block back into the later Area 1 zone. Special Commission approval has been obtained to hold an early hunt on the Scout Reservation ever since.

Need for the Special Season

The purpose of the Avondale Scout Reservation is to provide a place for as much Scouting activity as possible to be conducted. The Scout Office is concerned when a gun hunt is held on the Reservation, as all other Scouting activities must be shut down

during the hunt for obvious safety and liability reasons.

Understandably, the Scout Office is reluctant to shut the Reservation down any longer than absolutely necessary to adequately control the deer population. Therefore, it is necessary to shoot the deer herd as hard as possible in the shortest period of time. Deer activity and movement is at its highest during the rut. This is why we want to schedule Reservation hunt during the rut when the deer are most active and vulnerable to harvest.

As previously stated, the deer rut on the Avondale Scout Reservation has been documented to occur the first two weeks of November. This is before the Area 1 season opens.

A special Commission approved early season allowing the Boy Scout Office to control the deer herd on Avondale Scout Reservation is requested.

**HUTCHINSON CREEK WMA
PROPOSED REGULATIONS 2000-2001**

Daily Self Clearing Permit required for all management area users.

Small Game and Turkey: Same as outside EXCEPT dogs permitted for rabbits Feb. 3-11.

Deer: Archery only, Oct. 1 - Jan. 31.

No camping on area.

SPECIAL AREAS FOR COMMISSION ACTION

Avery Island

Deer season same as outside with Area 7 season dates and the entire season is either sex.

Barksdale Air Force Base

All season dates conform to the state at large. All deer seasons are either sex.

Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant

All season dates conform to the state at large. All deer seasons are either sex.

FMHA TRACTS FOR COMMISSION ACTION

HUTCHINSON CREEK WMA PROPOSED REGULATIONS 2000-2001

Daily Self Clearing Permit required for all management area users.

Small Game and Turkey: Same as outside EXCEPT dogs permitted for rabbits Feb. 3-11.

Deer: Archery only, Oct. 1 - Jan. 31.

No camping on area.

Elbow Slough

Dove hunting is allowed the same as outside for the first split only. Steel shot is required. No other hunting is allowed.

Marsh Bayou and Walnut Hill

Small Game: Same as outside

Deer: Same as outside except still hunting only. (Marsh Bayou-Area 2; Walnut Hill-Area 3)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 6, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, July 6, 2000.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting rules and regulations for the State and WMAs, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish regulations that govern public and private lands is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all information pertinent to the rule and regulations governing hunting, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules and regulations affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 2000 Louisiana Register, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July does hereby ratify rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Seasons

§111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Sections 115 and 116 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

2. Pursuant to Section 40.1 of Title 56 of the

Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

B. Resident Game Birds and Animals

1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

C. Other Season Dates

1. Turkey. Please refer to separate pamphlet.

2. Raccoon and Opossum. No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire, muzzleloader rifle .36 caliber or smaller or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain

WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

3. Blackbirds and crows. ALL blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles and crows are considered crop depredators in Louisiana and may therefore be taken year round during legal shooting hours with no limit. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

4. Pheasant

a. Bag limit - 2 (males only). Possession limit - 4.

b. Pheasant season restricted to the following portion of Calcasieu and Cameron parishes: That portion west of Choupique Bayou south of U.S. 90 and La. 27, west of La. 27 to north boundary of Sabine NWR, north of Sabine NWR north boundary to Sabine River, east of Sabine River to Intracoastal waterway, south of Intracoastal waterway to Gum Cove, east of Gum Cove Road to La. 108, north and east of La. 108 from Gum Cove Road to U.S. 90, and south of U.S. 90 from Vinton to Choupique Bayou.

5. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species except turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations EXCEPT squirrels may be taken by licensed falconers until the last day of February. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific Falconry Rules.

6. Licensed Hunting Preserve. October 1 - April 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific Hunting Preserve Rules.

7. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Land enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and 5¢/acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked to antlerless deer (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow and muzzleloader) through the hock in a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is moved from the site of the kill. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in immediate cancellation of the program on those lands involved. Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP Rules.

8. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer and Exotics on Licensed Supplemented Shooting Preserves

a. Definitions

Exotics: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the family Bovidae (except the Tribe Bovini [cattle]) or

Cervidae which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve. Exotics shall include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black buck antelope.

Hunting: In its different tenses and for purposes of this rule means to take or attempt to take, in accordance with R.S. 56:8.

Same as Outside: For purposes of this rule means hunting on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting and deer hunting, as provided for in Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC).

Supplemented Hunting Preserve: For purposes of this rule means any enclosure for which a current Farm-Raising License has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF to permit hunting.

White-tailed Deer: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the species Odocoileus virginianus which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve.

b. Seasons

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Consult the

regulations pamphlet.

- ii. Exotics: year round.

- c. Methods of Take

- i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

- ii. Exotics: Exotics may be taken with longbow (including compound bow) and arrow; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber centerfire; or muzzleloading rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, using black powder or an approved substitute only, and using ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only.

- d. Shooting Hours

- i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

- ii. Exotics: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

- e. Bag Limit

- i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

- ii. Exotics: No limit.

- f. Hunting Licenses

- i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

- ii. Exotics: No person shall hunt any exotic without possessing a valid basic and big game hunting license.

g. Tagging. White-tailed Deer and Exotics: Each animal shall be tagged in the left ear or left antler immediately upon being killed and before being moved from the site of the kill with a tag provided by the LDAF. The tag shall remain with the carcass at all times.

D. Hunting-General Provisions

1. A basic resident or non-resident hunting license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

2. No person born on or after September 1, 1969 shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course taught or approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. However, a person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct and immediate supervision of a person 18 years of age or older.

3. A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer or turkey. A separate wild turkey stamp is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

4. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

5. Methods of taking resident game birds and quadrupeds

a. Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey and migratory game birds. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle or handgun larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than .36 caliber. During closed deer gun season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

b. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, and will be strictly enforced. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly. Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific

restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

6. Nuisance animals. Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means EXCEPT that nutria cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. With a special permit issued by the Department, beavers may be taken between one-half hour after official sunset to one-half hour before official sunrise for a period of three consecutive calendar evenings from the effective date of the permit. For specific details contact a regional office near you. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required to possess, sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken during open trapping season. Squirrels found destroying commercial crops of pecans may be taken year-round by permit issued by the Department. This permit shall be valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. Contact the local regional office for details.

7. Threatened and endangered species - Louisiana black bear, Louisiana pearl shell (mussel), sea turtles, gopher tortoise, ringed sawback turtle, brown pelican, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, whooping crane, Eskimo curlew, piping plover, interior least tern, ivory-billed woodpecker, red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's warbler, West Indian manatee, Florida panther, pallid sturgeon,

Gulf sturgeon, Attwater's greater prairie chicken, whales and red wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

8. Unregulated quadrupeds. Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes, unmarked hogs where legal, and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to "chase only" during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only season for deer. Foxes and bobcats are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" permitted by licensed hunters.

9. Hunting and/or discharging firearms on public roads. Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or public road right-of-way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and rights-of-way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.

10. Tags. Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and big game

license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil, on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material, which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with bow and muzzleloader and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill.

11. Sex identification. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on any deer taken or killed within the State of Louisiana, or on all turkeys taken or killed during any special gobbler season when killing of turkey hens is prohibited, so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is en route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. One antlered and one antlerless (when legal on private lands) deer per day EXCEPT on Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Six per season (all segments included)

by all methods of take.

2. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing does is prohibited except where specifically allowed.

3. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise allowed.

4. Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.

5. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.

6. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

7. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is allowed in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically

designated as still hunting only. Use of dogs to trail wounded deer is expressly prohibited in still hunting areas.

8. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

9. Muzzleloader Segment: (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special state, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons.) Still hunt only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Muzzleloader license required for resident hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT Area 5 and as specified on Public Areas. It is unlawful to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special muzzleloader segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

a. Legal Muzzleloader Firearms For Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets and be fitted only with iron sights or non-magnifying scopes EXCEPT persons 60 years of age or older may use magnified scopes. This includes those muzzleloaders known as "inline" muzzleloaders.

10. Archery Segment: Consult regulations pamphlet. WMA seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. Archery license required for resident bow hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Residents 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. Either sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, archer's must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Pass-a-Loutre and Point-au-Chien WMAs (SEE SCHEDULE).

a. Bow and arrow regulations: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

(a). to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season EXCEPT it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot) only.

(b). to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means except that hand held releases are lawful.

(c). to hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.

(d). to hunt with a bow or crossbow fitted with an infrared or laser sight.

11. Hunter orange. Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season including muzzleloader season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a cap or a hat that is completely covered with hunter orange material in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not allowed by agreement of the landowner or lessee. WARNING: DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING "HUNTER ORANGE".

12. Special handicapped either-sex deer season on private land. See regulations pamphlet for dates. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

13. Special Youth Deer Hunt. See regulations pamphlet for dates.

F. Description of Areas

1. Area 1

a. All of the following parishes are open: Catahoula, East Feliciana, St. Helena, Concordia, Franklin, Tensas, East Baton Rouge, Madison, Washington.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles - North of La. 1.

ii. Catahoula - All EXCEPT that portion lying north and east of the Ouachita River to the Boeuf River. West of Boeuf River north to Caldwell parish line.

iii. Grant - East of U.S. 165 and south of La.

8.

iv. LaSalle - Portion south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena; east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.

v. Livingston - North of I-12.

vi. Rapides - East of U.S. 165 and north of Red River.

vii. St. Tammany - All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to

Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

viii. Tangipahoa - North of I-12.

ix. West Feliciana - All EXCEPT that portion known as Raccourci and Turnbull Island.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Avoyelles - That portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by La. 451 and on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville, southward to its juncture with La. 451.

ii. Catahoula - South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to La. 8 at Harrisonburg, west of La. 8 to La. 913, west of La. 913 and La. 15 to Deer Creek.

iii. East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge - East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi line to La. 10. North of La. 10 from Thompson Creek to La. 67 at Clinton, west of La. 67 from Clinton to Mississippi line. South of Mississippi line from La. 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of La. 67 from La. 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from La. 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to La. 64, north of La. 64 to La. 37 at Magnolia, east of La. 37 northward to La. 64 at Indian Mound, north of La. 64

from Indian Mound to La. 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of La. 67 from parish line north to La. 959, south of La. 959 east to La. 63, west of La. 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River, southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to La. 67.

iv. Franklin - All

v. St. Helena - North of La. 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to La. 449, east and south of La. 449 from La. 16 at Pine Grove northward to La. 1045, south of La. 1045 from its junction with La. 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from La. 1045 southward to La. 16 at Montpelier.

vi. Tangipahoa - That portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River to La. 1061 at Wilmer, east of La. 1061 to La. 440 at Bolivar, south of La. 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from La. 440 southward to La. 10.

vii. Washington and St. Tammany - East of La. 21 from the Mississippi line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl

River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi line, south of the Mississippi line from the Pearl River westward to La. 21. Also, that portion of Washington Parish west of La. 25 from the Mississippi State Line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, then west of the Bogue Chitto River to its junction with the St. Tammany Parish line, north of the St. Tammany parish line to the Tangipohoa parish line, east of the Tangipohoa parish line to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line to its junction with La. 25.

viii. West Feliciana - West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of U.S. 61 and La. 966, east of La. 966 from U.S. 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

2. Area 2

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville, Jackson, Union, Bossier, Lincoln, Webster, Caddo, Natchitoches, Winn, Claiborne, Red River, DeSoto, Sabine, Caldwell.

ii. EXCEPT: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District described in Area 2 description

shall be still hunting only.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - North of U.S. 190 east of Reeves and east of La. 113.

ii. Avoyelles - That portion west of I-49.

iii. Beauregard - East of La. 113. Also, west of La. 27 north to DeRidder and south and east of U.S. 190 west of DeRidder to Texas line.

iv. Calcasieu - West of La. 27 north of Sulphur and north of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

v. Catahoula - That portion lying north and east of the Ouachita River to the Boeuf River. West of Boeuf River north to Caldwell parish line.

vi. Evangeline - All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

vii. Grant - All EXCEPT that portion south of La. 8 and east of U.S. 165.

viii. Jefferson Davis - North of U.S. 190.

ix. LaSalle - All EXCEPT south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to

Caldwell Parish line.

x. Morehouse - West of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, west of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, west and south of La. 593 to Collinston, west of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and north of La. 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake.

xi. Ouachita - All EXCEPT south of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Brake.

xii. Rapides - All EXCEPT north of Red River and east of U.S. 165. South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 113 to Union Hill, and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

xiii. Vernon - East and south of La. 113, north and east of La. 465, west of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and north of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Claiborne and Webster - Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie

National Forest Regulations).

ii. Ouachita - East of Ouachita River.

iii. Rapides - West of U.S. 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 northward to U.S. 167 at Alexandria. North of La. 465 from Vernon Parish line to La. 121, west of La. 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to La. 8, south and east of La. 8 to La. 118 (Mora Road), south and west of La. 118 to Natchitoches Parish line.

iv. Vernon - East of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to La. 465, east and north of La. 465 to Rapides Parish line.

3. Area 3

a. All of Acadia, Cameron and Vermilion Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - South of U.S. 190 and west of La. 113.

ii. Beauregard - West of La. 113. ALSO east of La. 27 north to DeRidder and north and west of U.S. 190 west of DeRidder to Texas line.

iii. Calcasieu - East of La. 27 north of

Sulphur and south of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

iv. Iberia - West of U.S. 90 and north of La.
14.

v. Jefferson Davis - All EXCEPT north of U.S.
190.

vi. Lafayette - West of I-49 and U.S. 90.

vii. Rapides - South of La. 465 to junction of
La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill and north of La.
113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.

viii. St. Landry - West of U.S. 167.

ix. Vernon - West and north of La. 113, south
of La. 465, east of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south
of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

4. Area 4

a. All of East Carroll and Richland parishes are
open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Morehouse - East of U.S. 165 (from
Arkansas line) to Bonita, south and east of La. 140 to junction of
La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, east of
La. 139 at Bastrop to junction of La. 593, east and north of La.
593 to Collinston, east of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and south
of La. 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake.

ii. Ouachita - South of U.S. 80 and east of

Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Bake.

5. Area 5

a. All of West Carroll Parish is open.

i. All deer hunting is for bucks only including muzzleloader season.

6. Area 6

a. All of Orleans Parish is closed to all forms of deer hunting.

b. All of the following parishes are open: Ascension, Plaquemines, St. John, Assumption, Pointe Coupee, St. Martin, Iberville, St. Bernard, Jefferson, St. Charles, Lafourche, St. James, West Baton Rouge.

c. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles - South of La. 1 and also that portion east of I-49.

ii. Evangeline - That portion east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

iii. Iberia - East of U.S. 90.

iv. Lafayette - East of I-49 and U.S. 90.

v. Livingston - South of I-12.

vi. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red

River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

vii. St. Landry - East of U.S. 167.

viii. St. Mary - North of U.S. 90.

ix. St. Tammany - That portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

x. Tangipahoa - South of I-12.

xi. West Feliciana - West of Mississippi River, known as Raccourci and Turnbull Islands.

d. Still hunting only in all of the following parishes:

i. Plaquemines - East of the Mississippi River.

ii. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

iii. St. Bernard - All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre.

iv. St. John - South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. 51, east of U.S. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of La. 638 from U.S. 51 to Lake

Pontchartrain. West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. 638 to Pass Manchac.

v. St. Landry - Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by La. 359, west by La. 10, and south by La. 103.

7. Area 7

a. The following parish is open: Terrebonne.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open: Iberia and St. Mary Parishes - South of La. 14 and west U.S. Hwy. 90.

G. Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. General

a. The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

b. Citizens are cautioned that by entering upon a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

c. Wildlife management area seasons may be altered

or closed anytime by the Department Secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 3:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified. On days when Daily permits are required, permit stations will open 2 hours before legal shooting hours. Hunters must exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

e. Lands within WMA boundaries will have the same seasons and regulations pertaining to baiting and use of dogs as the WMA within which the lands are enclosed; however, with respect to private lands enclosed within a WMA, the owner or lessee may elect to hunt according to the regular season dates applicable to the geographic area in which the lands are located, provided that the lands are first enrolled in DMAP. Interested parties should contact the nearest LDWF regional office for additional information.

f. Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs except in designated locations is prohibited.

g. Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

h. Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval or unless otherwise specified.

i. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard

mast (acorn, pecans, etc.) and wild plants is prohibited without prior approval. Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day. Persons engaged in commercial activities must obtain a permit from the Region Office.

j. Burning of marshes is prohibited except by permit. Permits may be obtained from the Fur and Refuge Division.

k. Nature trails. Access to trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, bicycles, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

l. Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

m. Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations, includes both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

n. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, EXCEPT that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and State Seed Grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

2. Permits

a. Daily. Daily permits when required shall be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA. Hunters must

retain permit in possession while hunting. Hunters may enter the area no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must checkout daily and exit the area not later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

b. Self Clearing Permits. On WMAs where Self Clearing Permits are required, all hunters must obtain a WMA Self Clearing Permit from an Information Station. The CHECK IN portion MUST be completed and put in a permit box BEFORE each day's hunt on the day of the hunt. The CHECK OUT portion must be carried by each hunter while hunting and MUST be completed and put in a permit box AFTER each day's hunt on the day of the hunt unless otherwise specified. A vehicle tag will also be associated with the Self Clearing Permit and must be displayed in the vehicle while on the WMA.

c. Wild Louisiana Stamp. Persons using WMAs or other department administered lands for purposes other than hunting and fishing, such as camping, shooting on rifle ranges, berry picking, hiking, photography, bird-watching and the like, shall be required to possess one of the following: a Wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement.

3. Special Seasons

a. Youth deer hunt. Only youths younger than 16

years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed EXCEPT Handicapped Seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate region office for special check station locations when daily permits are required and maps of specific hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts.

b. Handicapped Season. For hunters possessing a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit only. Participants must possess a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit. Contact region office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering Handicapped Seasons. Pointe-au-Chien will have an experimental Lottery Handicapped waterfowl hunt. Contact New Orleans Office, Fur and Refuge Division for details.

c. Deer Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery.

Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. A non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Contact region offices for applications. Consult regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery hunts.

d. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. All turkeys must be reported at Self Clearing station. Contact Region Offices for more details. Consult separate Turkey Hunting Regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery hunts.

e. Trapping. Permits to take fur bearers from WMAs may be obtained at appropriate offices when required. Consult Annual Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required, each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the Region Office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days at region offices. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress. A permit is required to carry a firearm outside of the normal hunting season and is available at the Region Office.

f. Raccoon hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours

only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs. NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL - Season dates for specific WMAs are for nighttime raccoon hunting and permits may be required. There will be no bag limit for raccoons at night unless specified in the annual regulations pamphlet. Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the region office for WMAs where permits are required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of raccoon or all hunting privileges on WMAs. Permits, when required, may be obtained at region offices only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

g. Commercial fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines permitted on Dewey Wills WMA north of La. 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-Au-Chien WMAs EXCEPT shrimping allowed on Pointe-Au-Chien in Cut Off Canal and Wonder Lake during daytime only. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges for the period the license is issued and one year thereafter. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional

commercial fishing regulations on mullet.

h. Sport fishing. Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are permitted on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations EXCEPT nighttime frogging prohibited on Salvador /Timken and Pointe-Au-Chien.

i. Additional Department Lands. The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in Rapides, Vernon, Evangeline and St. Helena parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries Region Office for specific information and any additional season dates.

4. Firearms

a. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, ATCs or in camping areas on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after allowed hours except in authorized camping areas.

b. Firearms and bows and arrows are not allowed on WMAs during closed hunting seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges or as allowed for trapping. Bows and broadhead arrows are not allowed on WMAs EXCEPT during regular deer archery season,

turkey season or EXCEPT as allowed for bowfishing.

c. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists EXCEPT as specified under Wildlife Management Area listing.

d. Loaded firearms are not allowed near WMA check stations.

e. Centerfire rifles and handguns, arms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during modern firearm deer season.

f. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

g. Discharging of firearms on or hunting from designated roads, ATV trails or their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearm and muzzleloader deer season.

5. Methods of Taking Game

a. Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

b. On Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day, six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

c. Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included). Unmarked hogs may be taken on some WMAs by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Consult the specific WMA for additional information. Proper licenses and permits are required for hunting.

d. Hunters who kill deer on WMAs that require daily permits must have deer checked at the check station on same day of kill.

e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during early still hunt season unless specified in the regulation pamphlet.

f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed.

g. On Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges, all deer stands must be removed from the area no later than two hours after the end of legal shooting hours each day. Hunting from utility poles, high tension power lines, oil and gas exploration facilities or platforms is prohibited.

h. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after the end of legal shooting hours each day. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal, poles, wire, mesh, webbing or

any materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily.

i. It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

j. Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are also prohibited.

k. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and disposed of by the Department. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

l. Hunters shall not hunt, take or pursue birds or animals from moving vehicles on any WMA. No person shall take birds or animals from or by any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress therefrom has ceased.

m. Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAs.

n. Horses and mules may be ridden on Wildlife Managements Areas except where prohibited and except during gun seasons for deer and turkey. Riding is restricted to designated

roads and trails. Hunting and trapping from horses and mules is prohibited EXCEPT for quail hunting or as otherwise specified.

o. All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters and dove hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Quail and woodcock hunters as well as hunters participating during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. ALSO all non-hunters afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

p. Archery season for deer. The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open to either sex deer EXCEPT as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted or closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or handicapped hunters are in progress. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific seasons.

q. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

r. Muzzleloader season for deer. See WMA deer schedule.

6. Camping

a. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is allowed only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. At the end of the 16 day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

b. Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA and Pass-a-Loutre, houseboats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the hunting season. At all other times of the year, mooring period is limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Permits are required for camping and overnight mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre and can be obtained from the WMA headquarters. Houseboat mooring permits are required for Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Area. Permits may be obtained from headquarters on respective WMAs or from the New Iberia office for Atchafalaya Delta WMA.

c. Discharge of human waste onto lands or waters of any WMA is strictly prohibited by State and Federal law. In the event public restroom facilities are not available at a WMA, the

following is required. Anyone camping on a WMA in a camper, trailer, or other unit (other than a houseboat or tent) shall have and shall utilize an operational disposal system attached to the unit. Tent campers shall have and shall utilize portable waste disposal units and shall remove all human waste from the WMA upon leaving. Houseboats moored on a WMA shall have a permit or letter of certification from the Health Unit (Department of Health and Hospitals) of the parish within which the WMA occurs verifying that it has an approved sewerage disposal system on board. Further, that system shall be utilized by occupants of the houseboats when on the WMA.

d. No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

e. Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

f. Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.

g. Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.

h. Swimming prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

7. Restricted Areas

a. All oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or hunting in restricted areas or refuges.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, duck hunting and bird dog training when allowed, having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be held liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are allowed for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.

9. Vehicles

a. Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.

b. The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within wildlife management areas due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of

forest reproduction.

c. Tractor implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles. ATV tires are restricted to those with maximum allowable tire pressure of 5 psi, as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

d. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and Refuges. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. Personal water craft allowed on designated areas of Alexandria State Forest WMA.

e. No internal combustion engines allowed in certain Greentree reservoir.

f. Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

g. Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

h. Motorized vehicles, including ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads and ATV trails as indicated on WMA maps, except on Atchafalaya Delta WMA where ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles are prohibited. WMA maps

available at all region offices. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.

i. Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees. Handicapped ATV permittees restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps. Persons 60 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also allowed to use special handicapped trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Handicapped persons should make application for a Physically Challenged Hunter Program Permit with the Department.

j. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to handicapped-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Routes of all trails are as indicated on WMA maps. Deviation from the trails indicated on the map constitutes a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

k. Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition or construction.

l. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 3:00 AM. **All roads** including trails and roads designated as ATV trails shall be closed from March 1 through August 31 unless otherwise specified. Certain trails may be open during this time period to provide

access for fishing or other purpose. These trails will be marked by signs at the entrance of the trail.

m. CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.

10. Wildlife Management Areas Basic Season Structure. For season dates, bag limits, shooting hours, special seasons and other information consult the annual regulations pamphlet for specific details.

11. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit, quail, dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Consult regulations pamphlet.

12. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet.

13. Archery. Consult regulations pamphlet.

14. Hogs. Consult regulations pamphlet.

15. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet.

16. Wildlife Management Areas Hunting Schedule and Regulations:

a. Alexander State Forest. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

b. Atchafalaya Delta. Water control structures

are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at any time. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited.

c. Attakapas. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

d. Bayou Macon. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. Mules are allowed for nighttime raccoon hunting.

e. Bayou Pierre. No ATVs or ATCs allowed on the area. Motorized vehicles are allowed only on parish roads and roads marked on WMA map.

f. Bens Creek. All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. No hunting in restricted areas. (See WMA Map). Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and during the spring turkey season.

g. Big Colewa Bayou. ATVs restricted to designated trails. Refer to WMA map for location of designated trails. All other motorized vehicles prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited.

h. Big Lake. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

i. Biloxi

j. Bodcau

k. Boeuf. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

l. Boise-Vernon. Road travel and hunting

restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicle travel.

m. Buckhorn. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

n. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. All game harvested must be reported. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details.

o. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day. Roads may be closed during wet weather conditions.

p. Elm Hall. No ATVs allowed.

q. Fort Polk. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Special regulations apply to ATV users.

r. Georgia-Pacific. EXCEPT as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.

s. Grassy Lake. Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor at Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas Region Office. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. No hunting in restricted area.

t. Jackson-Bienville. ATVs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads and timber management roads and trails. However, all ATVs/ATCs prohibited March 1 through September 15.

u. Joyce. Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

v. Lake Boeuf

w. Lake Ramsay. Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

x. Little River. Roads may be closed during wet conditions.

y. Loggy Bayou

z. Manchac. Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

aa. Ouachita. Waterfowl Refuge: North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during waterfowl season. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight. Commercial Fishing: Closed. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

ab. Pass-a-Loutre. Commercial Fishing: Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass,

Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

ac. Pearl River. All roads closed 8 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet except waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90. No hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a fee.

ad. Peason Ridge. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users.

ae. Pointe-au-Chien. Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for DOVE hunting as specified in regulation pamphlet. Point Farm: Gate will be open during opening weekend of the second split of dove season and all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads

on) shall be allowed. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. prohibited in the Montegut and Grand Bayou marsh management units. Public is allowed to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue and Grand Bayou Blue. Vehicles prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by the department. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

af. Pomme de Terre. Commercial Fishing: allowed Monday through Friday, EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Region Office or Spring Bayou headquarters. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed after 2 p.m. only during

waterfowl season. Crawfish: April 1 - July 31, 100 lbs. per person per day limit. No traps or nets left overnight. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

ag. Red River. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. Crawfishing prohibited on Wetland Restoration Areas.

ah. Russell Sage. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

ai. Sabine

aj. Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

ak. Salvador/Timken. Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be allowed. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken through the use of

hand lines or nets; however, none of the lines are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 H.P. are allowed only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes - "Baie Des Chactas" and Baie du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Operation of the above described internal combustion engines in interior ditches is prohibited EXCEPT by experimental permit to be obtained from the New Orleans Office, Fur and Refuge Division, Room 217. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited. Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenasses). Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact New Orleans Region Office-Fur and Refuge Division. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

al. Sandy Hollow. Bird Dog Training: Consult regulation pamphlet. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds

prohibited). Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge Region Office. Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas. No motorized vehicles allowed off designated roads. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

am. Sherburne. Crawfishing: Recreational crawfishing only on the North and South Farm Complexes. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per vehicle or boat per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed on farm complex. Commercial crawfishing allowed on the remainder of the area. Permit is required. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details. Vehicular traffic prohibited on east Atchafalaya River Basin levee road within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office. No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges. Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area. No commercial activity on ANWR, except trapping.

an. Sicily Island Hills. Firearms and any game harvested cannot be transported through the area except during the corresponding open season on area. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

ao. Soda Lake. Entire area is walk-in only - no motorized vehicles allowed. Access into the area is allowed only from south end of the area off of Hwy. 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer.

ap. Spring Bayou. Commercial Fishing: allowed Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets allowed any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Region Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Crawfish: 100 lbs. per person per day limit. Permit required from area supervisor. No hunting allowed in headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this camp site. Water skiing allowed only in Old River and Grand Lac.

aq. Thistlethwaite. No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA Map). All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through main gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

ar. Three Rivers. Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.

as. Tunica Hills. All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATVs restricted to designated trails. Driving on food plots prohibited. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map. Camping prohibited on area. North of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract) closed to the general public March 1-September 30 EXCEPT spring turkey hunting access allowed for those individuals drawn for special lottery hunt.

at. Union. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

au. West Bay. Road Travel and Hunting Restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

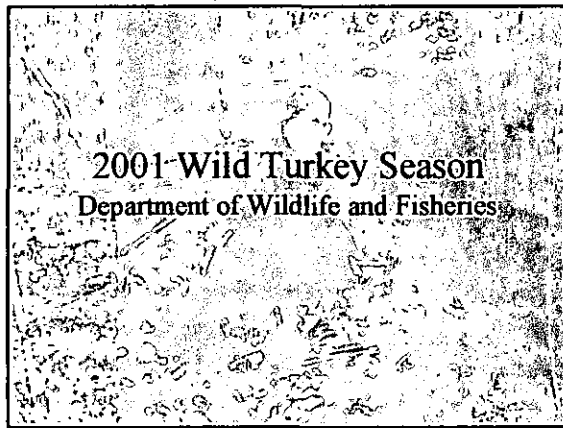
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Past Season Overview

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- Another year of unusually warm weather
- All Habitat Regions reported stable to increasing numbers of turkeys at Voluntary Weigh Stations except NW--highest recorded
- WMAs' total harvest was up 35%
- Gobbler counts again illustrated a general increase in gobbler until the opening day

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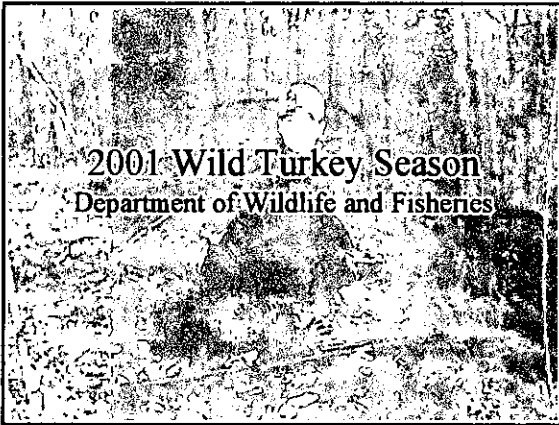
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Past Season Overview

1200

- Another year of unusually warm weather
- All Habitat Regions reported stable to increasing numbers of turkeys at Voluntary Weigh Stations except NW—highest recorded
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
2001 Turkey Hunting Season Recommendations

WMA	Season Dates	Permit Requirements	Lottery Dates
Bayou Macon	March 31-April 1	Self Clearing	March 31-April 1
Bens Creek	March 24-April 15	Self-Clearing	None
Big Lake	March 24-April 1	Self-Clearing	None
Bodcau	March 31-April 15	Self-Clearing	None
Boeuf	March 24-April 1	Self-Clearing	None
Boise Vernon	March 24-April 15	Self-Clearing	None
Camp Beauregard	March 24-April 8	Self-Clearing	None
Dewey Wills	March 24-25 March 31-April 1	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 31-April 1
Fort Polk	March 24-April 22	Self-Clearing	None
Georgia-Pacific	March 31-April 8	Self-Clearing	March 31-April 1
Grassy Lake	March 24- April 1	Self-Clearing	None
Jackson-Bienville	March 31-April 15	Self-Clearing	None
Little River	March 24- April 8	Self-clearing	None
Loggy Bayou	April 7-8 April 14-15	Self-Clearing	April 7-8 (Youth) April 14-15
Pearl River	March 24-April 15	Self-Clearing	None
Peason Ridge	March 24-April 22	Self-Clearing	None
Pomme de Terre	March 24-April 1	Self-Clearing	None
Red River	March 24-April 1	Self-Clearing	None
Sabine	March 24-25 March 31-April 1	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 31-April 1
Sandy Hollow	March 24-April 15	Self-Clearing	None
Sherburne	March 24-April 1	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 26-28
Sicily Island	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 7-8 April 14-15	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 7-8 April 14-15
Three Rivers	March 24- April 1	Self-Clearing	None
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Tunica Hills Angola Tract	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 7-8 April 14-15	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 7-8 April 14-15
Union	March 31-April 1	Self-Clearing	March 31-April 1
West Bay	March 24-25	Self-Clearing	March 24-25

Area Seasons

Area A

March 24 - April 22

Area B

March 31 - April 15

Area C

March 24 - April 1

Daily Bag: 1

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WMAs

Daily Bag: 1

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counts towards
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All hunts Self-Clearing
unless *mandatory*
weighing required

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RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 6, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, July 6, 2000.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for wild turkeys, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of wild turkeys and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of wild turkeys are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as a Notice of Intent.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its July meeting does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of wild turkeys. A synopsis of said rule is attached to and made part of this notice of intent, along with a complete copy of the regulations.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Seasons

§113. Turkey Hunting Regulations

A. Daily limit is one gobbler, three gobblers per season. Still hunting only. Use of dogs, baiting, electronic calling devices and live decoys is illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and bow and arrow but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited. Shotguns capable of holding more than three shells prohibited.

B. No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or

unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys.

C. A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed.

D. Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closure.

E. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries strongly discourages "feeding" agricultural grains to wild turkeys as this practice increases the risk of birds contracting potentially lethal diseases. Repeatedly placing grain in the same area may expose otherwise healthy birds to disease contaminated soils, grain containing lethal toxins and other diseased turkeys using the same feeding site. Properly distributed food plots (clovers, wheat, millet and chufa) are far more desirable for turkeys and have the added benefit of appealing to a wide variety of wildlife.

F. It is unlawful to take from the wild or possess in captivity any live wild turkeys or their eggs. No pen raised turkeys from within or without the state shall be liberated

(released) within the state.

G. All licensed turkey hunters are required to have a Turkey Stamp in their possession while turkey hunting in addition to basic and big game licenses.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:2263 (November 1999), amended LR .

§115. Statewide Turkey Hunting Areas-Resident Game Birds and Animals

A. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Turkey	See Schedule	1	3/season

B. Turkey Hunting Schedule

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	March 25-April 23 March 24-April 22
B	April 1-16 March 31-April 15
C	March 25-April 2 March 24-April 1

C. 2000 Turkey Hunting Season - Open Only in the Following Areas

1. Area A - ~~March 25-April 23~~ March 24-April 22

a. All of the following parishes are open:

- i. East Baton Rouge;
- ii. East Feliciana;
- iii. LaSalle;
- iv. Livingston;
- v. Natchitoches (Exception: See Kisatchie

National Forest hunting schedule for National Forest dates);

- vi. St. Helena;
- vii. St. Tammany;
- viii. Tangipahoa;
- ix. Washington;
- x. West Baton Rouge;
- xi. West Feliciana (including Raccourci

Island).

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen: North of La. 26 from DeRidder to the junction of La. 104 and north of La. 104;

ii. Avoyelles: That portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River northward from Simmesport, on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by La. 452 from Brouillette to La. 1 eastward to Simmesport, and that portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east and south by La. 451, on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its

junction at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville southward to its junction with La. 451;

iii. Beauregard: North of La. 26 east of DeRidder, north and east of U.S. 171-190 from the junction of La. 26 to DeRidder, and north of U.S. 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iv. Caldwell: West of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line, east of La. 165 from LaSalle Parish line to the junction of La. 126, north of La. 126 westward to the Winn Parish line;

v. Catahoula: West of Ouachita River southward to La. 559 at Duty Ferry, north of La. 559 to La. 124, south and west of La. 124 from Duty Ferry to La. 8 at Harrisonburg and north of La. 8 to La. 126, north and east of La. 126. ALSO that portion lying east of La. 15;

vi. Concordia: That portion east of Hwy. 15 and west of Hwy. 65 from its juncture with Hwy. 15 at Clayton;

vii. Evangeline: North and west of La. 115, north of La. 106 from St. Landry to La. 13, west of La. 13 from Pine Prairie to Mamou and north of La. 104 west of Mamou;

viii. Franklin: That portion lying east of Hwy. 17 and east of Hwy. 15 from its juncture with Hwy. 17 at Winnsboro;

ix. Grant: All of the parish except that

portion of land that lies north of the Red River between U.S. 71 and La. 8. Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates;

x. Iberville: West of La. Hwy. 1.

EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xi. Madison: That portion lying west of U.S. Hwy. 65 and south of U.S. Hwy. 80;

xii. Pointe Coupee: All except that portion bounded on the west by La. 77 and La. 10, northward from U.S. 190 to La. 1 at Morganza, on the north and east by La. 1 to its junction with La. 78 and by La. 78 from Parlang to U.S. 190. Further EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xiii. Rapides: All of the parish except that portion of lands that lies north of the Red River and south of U.S. Hwy. 71 from its juncture with the Red River northward to the Grant Parish line. Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates;

xiv. Richland: That portion south of U.S. Hwy. 80 and east of Hwy. 17;

xv. Sabine: That portion north of Hwy. 6 from Toledo Bend Lake to Many; east of Hwy. 171 from Many to the Vernon Parish line;

xvi. St. Landry: That portion bounded on the north by U.S. 190, west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee. ALSO that portion of the parish bounded on the north by La. 10 from the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee to Burton's Lake, on the east by Burton's Lake, on the south by Petite Prairie Bayou to its junction with the old O.G. Railroad right-of-way then by the O.G.R.R. right-of-way westward to U.S. 71 and on the west by the West Atchafalaya Guide Levee to its junction with La. 10, EXCEPT the Indian Bayou tract owned by the U.S. Corps of Engineers;

xvii. Upper St. Martin: All within the Atchafalaya Basin. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xviii. Tensas: That portion west of Hwy. 65 from the Concordia Parish line to its juncture with Hwy. 128, north of La. 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of La. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

xix. Vernon: That portion east of Hwy. 171 from the Sabine Parish line to the junction of Hwy. 111, south of Hwy. 111 westward to Hwy. 392, and south of Hwy. 392 westward to the Sabine Parish line. Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates.

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville;

ii. Bossier;

iii. Claiborne;

iv. Lincoln;

v. Red River;

vi. Webster, including Caney Ranger District
of Kisatchie National Forest.

vii. Union

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Caddo: That portion north of La. 2 from
the Texas state line to U.S. 71, east of U.S. 71 from La. 2 to I-
20, south of I-20 from U.S. 71 to U.S. 171, and east of U.S. 171 to
the DeSoto Parish line;

ii. DeSoto: That portion east of U.S. 171
from the Caddo Parish line to U.S. 84 and south of U.S. 84;

iii. East Carroll: East of U.S. 65 from
Arkansas state line to Madison Parish line;

iv. Jackson: West of Parish Road 243 from
Lincoln Parish line to Parish Road 238, west and south of Parish
Road 238 to La. 144, west of La. 144 to La. 34, west of La. 34 to
Chatham, north and west of La. 4 from Chatham to Weston, north and
west of La. 505 from Weston to Wyatt, west of U.S. 167 from Wyatt
to Winn Parish line;

v. Ouachita: East of La. 143 from Union Parish line to Bayou Darbonne, north of Bayou Darbonne to the Ouachita River, west of the Ouachita River from the mouth of Bayou Darbonne northward to the Union Parish line;

vi. Morehouse: West of U.S. 165 from the Arkansas line to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, north of U.S. 165 from Bastrop to Ouachita Parish line;

~~vii. Union: West of La. 15 from Ouachita Parish line to La. 33 west of Farmerville, north of La. 33 to La. 2 at Farmerville, north and east of La. 2 to La. 143 at Crossroads, east of La. 143 to the Ouachita Parish line.~~

3. Area C - ~~March 25-April 2~~ March 24-April 1

a. All of the following parish is open:

i. Winn (EXCEPTION: see Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates)

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Ascension: All east of the Mississippi River;

ii. Allen: South of La. 26 from DeRidder to Oberlin, west of U.S. 165 south of Oberlin;

iii. Avoyelles: South of La. 1 to West Protection Levee, south to Avoyelles Parish line;

iv. Beauregard: South of La. 26 east of

DeRidder, east of U.S. 171 from the junction of La. 26 to Ragley, south of La. 12 west to Ragley;

v. Calcasieu: South of La. 12 east of Dequincy, east of La. 27 from Dequincy to I-10, and north of I-10 east of Sulphur;

vi. Concordia: North and east of Sugar Mill Chute (Concordia Parish) from the state line westward to Red River, east of Red River northward to Cocodrie Bayou, east of Cocodrie Bayou northward to U.S. Hwy. 84, south of U.S. Hwy. 84 eastward to La. Hwy. 15 (Ferriday), east of La. Hwy. 15 northward to U.S. Hwy. 65 (Clayton), east of U.S. Hwy. 65 northward to Tensas Parish line;

vii. Iberville: All east of the Mississippi River;

viii. Jefferson Davis: West of U.S. 165 and north of I-10;

ix. Madison: South of Hwy. 80 and east of U.S. Hwy. 65 to Tensas Parish line and all lands lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

x. St. Landry: That portion bounded on the south by La. 10, on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, on the east by La. 105, and on the north by the Avoyelles Parish line;

xi. Tensas: East and south of U.S. Hwy. 65 from Concordia Parish line to Hwy. 128, south of Hwy. 128 to St.

Joseph, east and south of La. Hwy. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.

xii. Franklin and Richland Parishes - That portion lying west of La. Hwy. 17 from Ringle Road to La. Hwy. 577 at Crowville, north of La. Hwy. 577 to La. Hwy. 15 at Baskin, east of La. Hwy. 15 to Big Creek, and south and east of Big Creek to junction of Little Road, and south of Little, Ferguson and Ringle Roads to La. Hwy. 17.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:2264 (November 1999), amended LR .

§117. 2000 Wildlife Management Area Turkey - Hunting Regulations

A. General

1. The following rules and regulations concerning management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject the individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

2. Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed are open to turkey hunting.

3. All trails and roads designated as ATV Only shall be

closed to ATVs from March 1 through September 15. ATV off-road or trail travel is prohibited. Walk-in hunting only (bicycles permitted), unless opened by sign on trail.

4. Bag limits on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. The bag limit for turkeys on Wildlife Management Areas is two per area, not to exceed two per season for all WMAs. Only one turkey is allowed to be taken during special lottery hunts. The bag limit for turkeys is one gobbler per day and three gobblers per season including those taken on WMAs.

B. Permits

1. Self-Clearing Permits: All turkey hunts, including lottery hunts, are self-clearing and all hunters must check in daily by picking up a permit from a self-clearing station. Upon completion of each daily hunt, the hunter must check out by completing the hunter report portion of the permit and depositing it in the check-out box at a self-clearing station before exiting the WMA.

2. Lottery Hunts: Bayou Macon, Dewey Wills, Georgia-Pacific, Loggy Bayou, Sabine, Sherburne, Sicily Island and Tunica Hills WMAs are restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Deadline for receiving applications is February 15, 2001. Application fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants may submit only one application and will be selected for one WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually. Submitting

more than one application will result in disqualification. Contact any district office for applications. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements.

3. Requests for information on WMA regulations, permits, lottery hunt applications and maps may be directed to any district office: [District 1 - 1401 Talton Street, Minden, 71055; 318/371-3050]; [District 2 - 368 Century Park Drive, Monroe, 71203; 318/343-4044]; [District 3 - 1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, 71360; 318/487-5885]; [District 4 - P.O. Box 1640, Ferriday, 71334; 318/757-4571]; [District 5 - 1213 N. Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles, 70601; 318/491-2575]; [District 6 - 5652 Highway 182, Opelousas, 70570; 318/948-0255]; [District 7 - P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, 70898; 225/765-2360].

C. Wildlife Management Area Turkey Hunting Schedule*

WMA	Season Dates	Permit Requirements	Lottery Dates** (See Page)
Bayou Macon	March 31-April 1	Self-Clearing	March 31-April 1
Bens Creek ¹	March 24-April 15	Self-Clearing	None
Big Lake	March 24-April 1	Self-Clearing	None
Bodcau	March 31-April 15	Self-Clearing	None
Boeuf	March 24-April 1	Self-Clearing	None
Boise Vernon	March 24-April 15	Self-Clearing	None
Camp Beauregard	March 24-April 8	Self-Clearing	None

Dewey Wills	March 24- 25 March 31-April 1	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 31-April 1
Fort Polk	March 24-April 22	Self-Clearing	None
Georgia-Pacific	March 31-April 8	Self-Clearing	March 31-April 1
Grassy Lake	March 24- April 1	Self-Clearing	None
Jackson-Bienville	March 31-April 15	Self-Clearing	None
Little River	March 24- April 8	Self-clearing	None
Loggy Bayou	April 7-8 April 14-15	Self-Clearing	April 7-8 (Youth Hunt) April 14-15
Pearl River	March 24-April 15	Self-Clearing	None
Peason Ridge	March 24-April 22	Self-Clearing	None
Pomme de Terre	March 24-April 1	Self-Clearing	None
Red River	March 24-April 1	Self-Clearing	None
Sabine	March 24-25 March 31-April 1	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 31-April 1
Sandy Hollow	March 24-April 15	Self-Clearing	None
Sherburne ²	March 24-April 1	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 26-28
Sicily Island	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 7-8 April 14-15	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 7-8 April 14-15
Three Rivers	March 24- April 1	Self-Clearing	None

Tunica Hills South Tract	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 7-8 April 14-15	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 7-8 April 14-15
Tunica Hills Angola Tract ³	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 7-8 April 14-15	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 7-8 April 14-15
Union	March 31-April 1	Self-Clearing	March 31-April 1
West Bay	March 24-25	Self-Clearing	March 24-25

**The deadline for receiving applications for all turkey Lottery Hunts on WMAs is Feb. 15, 2001.

¹No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

²All turkeys harvested on Sherburne WMA must be weighed and checked at WMA headquarters.

³Scouting access limited. Contact Region 7 office for details (225) 765-2360.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 25:2265 (November 1999), amended LR .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and

the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondences to other agencies of government.

Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until September 21, 2000 to Mr. Tommy Prickett, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
JULY 6, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, LA July 6, 2000.

- WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, D.C. have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and
- WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and
- WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and
- WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours, and
- WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby adopt the tentative season dates for migratory birds which are attached and made part of this resolution, subject to the following stipulations:

- (1) The Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government; and
- (2) If significant changes occur as a result of changes in the framework established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service or for other reasons, the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to alter the attached seasons based upon the recommendations of Department staff, supported by biological and technical data.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
2000-2001 Hunting Season Recommendations
FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS

MOURNING DOVE: Split Season, Statewide, 60 days

September 2 (Sat.)-September 10 (Sun)	9 days
October 14 (Sat.)-November 10 (Fri.)	28 days
December 16 (Sat.)-January 7 (Sun.)	23 days
Daily bag limit 15, Possession Limit, 30	

TEAL:

September 15 (Fri.)-September 30 (Sat.) 16 days
Daily bag limit 4, Possession limit 8, Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon teal only
Federal and State waterfowl stamps required.

RAILS: Split Season

September 15 (Fri.)-September 30 (Sat.) 16 days
Remainder of season to be set in August with duck regulations
KING AND CLAPPER: Daily bag limit 15 in the aggregate, Possession 30
SORA AND VIRGINIA: Daily bag and possession 25 in the aggregate

GALLINULES: Split Season

September 15 (Fri.)-September 30 (Sat.) 16 days
Remainder of season to be set in August with duck regulations
Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 30

WOODCOCK:

December 18 (Mon.)-January 31 (Wed.) 45 days
Daily bag limit 3, Possession 6

SHOOTING HOURS:

Teal, Rail, Woodcock and Gallinule: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
Mourning Dove: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset except on Sept.2-3, Oct. 14-15, and Dec. 16-17 when shooting hours will be 12:00 noon to sunset.

SNIPES: Deferring to August with the duck regulations; recommendations will include moving 1 week later than traditional opening and/or including a 1 week split.

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
Alternative Season Date Recommendations

Mourning Dove Split Season, Statewide, 70 days

September 2 (Sat.)-September 10 (Sun)	9 days
October 14 (Sat.)-November 13 (Mon.)	31 days
December 9 (Sat.)-January 7 (Sun.)	30 days
Daily bag limit 12, Possession Limit, 24	

Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset except on Sept.2-3, Oct. 14-15, and Dec. 9-10 when shooting hours will be 12:00 noon to sunset.

Teal

September 9 (Sat.)-September 24 (Sun.)	16 days
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Rails and Gallinules

September 9 (Sat.)-September 24 (Sun.)	16 days
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~~Tentative Season Dates~~
Early Migratory Birds

Louisiana Department of
Wildlife and Fisheries

General

- Season dates adopted today will be forwarded to the USFWS as Louisiana's selection prior to the deadline of August 1. Unless significant changes occur at the federal level these dates will be officially adopted at the August commission meeting.

Major Changes

- Mourning Dove: 60-day/15-bird bag
- Teal: last 16 days of September
- Snipe: deferring to August with duck season; moved one week later and/or a 1 week split

Mourning Dove Season

A 60-day season is recommended

September 2-September 10 9 days

October 14-November 10 28 days

December 16-January 7 23 days

Daily bag limit 15; possession limit 30



September Teal Season

September 15-September 30

16 days

Daily bag limit 4; possession limit 8

Blue-winged, green-winged and cinnamon
teal only

Rail and Gallinule Season

September 15-September 30

Bag limit

King and Clapper

• Daily bag limit 15; possession limit 30

Sora and Virginia

Daily bag and possession limit 25 in the aggregate

Common and Purple Gallinules

• Daily bag limit 15; possession limit 30

Woodcock Season

December 18-January 31

Daily bag limit 3; possession limit 6

Shooting Hours

- ☐ Teal, rail, woodcock and gallinule
 - ☐ One half hour before sunrise to sunset
- ☐ Mourning Dove
 - ☐ One half hour before sunrise to sunset
 - EXCEPT
 - ☐ Sept. 2-3, Oct. 14-15 and Dec. 16-17 when shooting hours will be 12:00 noon to sunset



RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby amend the regulations governing the Alligator Regulations (LAC 76:V.701).

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 7. Alligators

§701. Alligator Regulations

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3. General Rules

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i. No person, firm, or corporation shall transport into this state or possess whole alligator(s) with skin on, alligator parts or alligator skins/hides unless that person, firm or corporation is a Louisiana licensed alligator parts dealer or fur dealer and is in immediate possession of an alligator parts dealer's license or fur dealer's license, except that a copy of such license shall be sufficient during transportation only. Persons, firms or corporations violating this Subparagraph shall be subject to the penalties as provided in Title 56:34, a Class Four violation; except that when such a violation involves alligator parts only, such offenses shall be subject to the penalties as

provided in Title 56:32, a Class Two violation.

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p. For the purpose of bonafide educational or promotional functions, including but not limited to school activities, civic groups, fairs and festivals within the state of Louisiana, an alligator farmer/rancher or his designee may transport his own live farm alligators or alligator eggs to such function without the need for a special permit from the Department while in possession of a valid nongame quadruped breeder's or exhibitor's license or copy thereof. Such farmer/rancher shall not barter, trade, exchange or attempt to barter, trade or exchange live alligator(s) or alligator eggs while transporting to/or attending such function.

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6. Alligator Hide Tag Procurement and Tagging Requirements

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b. Landowners, Land Managers and Hunters - upon application to the Department on forms provided for tag issuance. Applications for alligator tag allotments will be taken annually beginning July 15th and ending the day before the season opens. Tags will not be issued after close of business on the day prior to the season opening date.

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9. Importation, Exportation, Purchase and Sale

a. Live alligators may be brought into the state only if the person, firm or corporation bringing the alligators into the state has obtained written permission from the Department. Violation of this subparagraph is a class 4 violation as described in Title 56.

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11. Report Requirements

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(b). Official shipping manifest including total length in inches (or feet and inches) referenced to CITES tag number of each skin in shipment. A fully executed (filled out) shipping manifest containing all information required in the buyer/dealer record may be substituted with Department approval for the buyer/dealer record requirement on farm raised alligator skins.

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14. Alligator Egg Collection

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j. The alligator egg collection permittee and the landowner are responsible for the return of the percentage of live

alligators to the wild described on the alligator egg collection permit. This requirement is nontransferable. Minimum return rates will be based upon the state average hatching success which is 78 percent. In no case shall the return rate be less than 14 percent at 48 inches total length. Each alligator shall be returned to the original egg collection area within a maximum time of two years from date of hatching. Each alligator shall be a minimum of 36" and a maximum of 60" (credit will not be given for inches above 60") in size and the returned sex ratio should contain at least 50 percent females. The alligator egg collection permittee/landowner are responsible for and must compensate in kind for alligator mortality which occurs for Department-authorized return to the wild alligators while being processed, stored, or transported. The Department shall be responsible for supervising the required return of these alligators. A Department transfer authorization permit is not required for return to the wild alligators which are delivered to the farm of origin no more than 48 hours prior to being processed for wild release. Releases back to the wild will only occur between March 15 and August 25 of each calendar year provided that environmental conditions as determined by the Department are favorable for survival of the released alligators. Any farmer who owes 1000 or more alligators at 48" must release at least $\frac{1}{4}$ of the total owed for that year by April 30; at least another quarter by June 15, at least another quarter by July 31; and the remainder by

August 25th. A farmer may do more than the required one-fourth of his releases earlier if available unscheduled days allow. Should an alligator egg collection permittee be unable to release the required number of alligators to the wild from his own stock, he shall be required to purchase additional alligators from another farmer to meet compliance with the alligator egg collection permit and these regulations, as supervised by the Department. Department-sanctioned participants in ongoing studies involving survivability and return rates are exempt from these requirements during the period of the study. Violation of this Subparagraph is a Class Four violation as described in Title 56.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115, R.S. 56:259, R. S.56:262, R.S. 56:263 and R.S. 56:280.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 16:1070 (December 1990), amended LR 17:892 (September 1991), LR 19:215 (February 1993), LR 23:321 (March 1994), LR 26: (July 2000).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION

2000 Wild Alligator Harvest Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act, allows the Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, and

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WHEREAS, the comprehensive Louisiana alligator management program contributes significantly to conserving alligators and their wetland ecosystems, producing for the landowner about 45% of surface use value, and

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WHEREAS, regulated alligator sustainable use management programs developed during the past 26 seasons have built an industry that is unique and exceptional, and

WHEREAS, historical and current information collected by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have indicated that the optimum time frame for the harvest of alligators is the month of September, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2000 Wild Alligator Harvest Season, statewide from official sunrise August 30, 2000 through official sunset September 30, 2000.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2000 Wild Alligator Harvest Season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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Thanks,
Susan
6/26/2000

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1999 Experimental Alligator Harvest Program on Marsh Island Refuge

INTRODUCTION

The Department's alligator management activities on Marsh Island are based upon the Deed of Donation and the 1988 Memorandum of Understanding between the LDWF and the Russell Sage Foundation. The Deed of Donation specifically recognized the need to conduct studies of the animal life on the Refuge and provided for the harvest of both furbearers and alligators. Historically, nutria, muskrat, raccoon, river otter, mink and alligators were harvested within the framework of seasons established and administered through rules and regulations of the Department and or the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. The 1988 MOU further clarified the context in which wildlife may be taken at Marsh Island and provided for the development and sale of by-products from the harvested wildlife. The MOU also established a notification and review process for Department's proposed activities.

Louisiana's current alligator management program dates back to 1972 when the Department reopened the season in Cameron Parish. The harvest was gradually expanded and in 1981 was opened statewide. The Department has long been recognized for its alligator research and management activities on an international basis and the results of the Department's alligator research has influenced the development of Crocodilian management programs in many countries. Louisiana continues to lead the world with a wild harvest of approximately 35,000 alligators and an egg harvest of approximately 375,000 in 1999. The egg harvest program includes a requirement to return a specified portion of alligators raised in captivity to the wild to maintain the wild alligator population.

Marsh Island provides ideal habitat for alligators and provides an excellent setting for

research activities. The Department initiated the alligator research program on Marsh Island in 1981 to establish a data base to estimate alligator abundance, determine distribution by habitat type and management units, and assess population dynamics, reproductive rates, growth rates and other population parameters. This data base was needed to learn more about the alligator population on Marsh Island, to determine the affect of various water management practices (weirs and impoundments) on the alligator population and to provide data that could improve our management of the statewide alligator population.

With the development of a series of specific objectives in 1986, alligator research was expanded to include a harvest program. This harvest program has provided critical information regarding our knowledge of alligator biology and in particular, reproductive performance. As a result, an alligator population model was developed that now forms the basis for the Department's assessment of wild alligator harvest rates and for comparisons of survivability of wild versus farm released alligators. In addition, we are analyzing the distribution of harvested alligators by size and sex classes as it relates to water management schemes currently employed on Marsh Island. Nest surveys are also conducted annually on Marsh Island and these too are being assessed by water management units on the Refuge. Clearly, the harvest research program is consistent with recognized wildlife management principles and with the continued maintenance and/or enhancement of the wildlife habitat.

Each year the data from all previous harvest are reviewed, the specific objectives assessed, and the needs for research from the Marsh Island perspective as well as from a statewide perspective are reviewed and a revised set of specific objectives and a harvest quota are developed. For the 1999 harvest, the emphasis was placed on continuation of the assessment of growth, survival and sexual

maturation of, and recruitment provided by farm released alligators. Other objectives include assessment of reproductive rates, nest production, size and sex ratios, and other population parameters. The issue of survival of farm released alligators is the most critical issue facing the Department today. The alligator research program on Marsh Island is providing a long term data set relative to alligator biology and management. We have maintained continuity in the overall harvest scheme, particularly in data collection and in establishment of objectives and harvest quotas. Additionally, the Department remains cognizant of the management needs of Marsh Island and will design and plan future harvest strategies to meet those needs as well as those of the state's alligator management program while meeting all requirements set forth in the Deed of Donation and the MOU.

Harvest proposals and reports for each year's activities have provided detailed background information concerning previous Departmental alligator research, population estimation techniques, annual harvest statistics and other management activities on Marsh Island (Kinler 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996a, 1996b, Kinler and Campbell 1997a, 1997b, 1998a, 1998b, 1999a, 1999b and Kinler et al 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990a, 1990b).

METHODS

Kinler and Campbell (1999b) outlined the objectives and procedures for the 1999 experimental harvest. The objectives were:

- 1) To evaluate survival, growth rates, movement, and maturation of farm-raised alligators released into the wild.
- 2) To evaluate the relative contribution of natural recruitment and farm released

alligator recruitment to the harvest and to the Marsh Island alligator population.

- 3) To collect reproductive data to determine the proportion of adult-sized females (≥ 6 feet) nesting annually. Also to determine reproductive rates as related to marsh management units on Marsh Island (weired marsh, natural marsh and impoundment).
- 4) To conduct intensive alligator nest counts to further establish the relationship between reproductive rate and nest production and to correlate nest counts with water level and salinity data.
- 5) To evaluate an alternate time of annual harvest with the intent of changing the sex ratios for summer harvested alligators.
- 6) To evaluate the accuracy of a calculated optimum harvest rate.

Marsh Island was selected as the study area due to its substantial population of alligators and its relative isolation from surrounding habitat. Additionally, total control of this Department owned and managed area was essential to collect the data necessary to fulfill the desired objectives. Complete control was required in placement of hunters, daily collection of field data, centralization of check-in for length, weight, sexing and collection of reproductive tracts and femurs, and sale of whole alligators. This control could only be accomplished by conducting the study on Department-owned property.

Timing of Harvest

The experimental harvest was planned to harvest alligators in July 1999. The function of this design was to obtain reproductive information from adult females harvested in July.

Harvest Quota

The data and calculations necessary to generate a harvest quota for the Marsh Island experimental harvest are listed in Figure 1. A harvest quota of 750 alligators was calculated.

These alligators were harvested by the baited hook and line (fishing) method.

Hunter Selection

Based on the size of Marsh Island, the desired time to complete the harvest, and the projected base quota of 750 alligators, a total of 16 hunters were selected to participate in the harvest.

Selections were based upon the following criteria:

- 1) Previous trapping and/or alligator hunting experience on Marsh Island Refuge.
- 2) Previous alligator hunting experience in Louisiana.
- 3) Ownership of essential equipment for alligator hunting on Marsh Island. Due to the location and topography of Marsh Island Refuge each hunter would need two boats.
 - a) Minimum 18' hull to cross the open water of Vermilion Bay on a daily basis.
 - b) A smaller boat (small flat, mudboat, etc.) to hunt the interior bayous and ponds.
- 4) Each applicant was required to report to the Refuge each morning until his harvest quota was filled (no exceptions allowed).
- 5) Ability to follow specific instructions issued by Department personnel.
- 6) Ability to maintain required records.
- 7) All applicants were checked for past wildlife violation. Any applicant possessing a significant wildlife violation in the past 5 years was rejected.

Forty individuals applied to participate in the alligator harvest. All 16 hunters were selected from

the list of qualified applicants. All hunters were required to abide by a written agreement.

Harvest Units

Marsh Island was divided into 16 harvest units (Figure 2). The units were designed to distribute the harvest over the entire 69,964 acre study area. In order to facilitate data analysis, unit boundaries were drawn so that the majority of the hunters would be harvesting alligators in only one habitat type (i.e., unweired brackish marsh, weired brackish marsh, or impoundment). Each hunter was assigned to harvest alligators from a specific unit. If a hunter could not fill his quota from within a particular unit, he was allowed to utilize tags in another harvest unit.

Sale of Whole Alligators

On June 21, 1999, bids were opened and awarded to the highest bidder (Louisiana Land Seafood, Inc., Table 1). Sixty percent of the value of each alligator went to the hunter and the remaining 40% went to the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries - Marsh Island Fund. This division of revenues was based on the extensive involvement of Departmental personnel in managing the hunt and collecting of data and the fact that hunters were involved only in harvesting and not in the processing of the alligators.

The buyer was required to provide a boat large enough to refrigerate and transport approximately 125-175 alligators per day. Alligators were loaded on the boat from 8:00 a.m. to noon each day, then transported to Cypremort Point, loaded into a refrigerated truck and delivered to the processing plant at Mathews, La.

Data Collection

Hunters were required to take all alligators to the Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge headquarters facility where the alligators were weighed, tag numbers recorded and loaded into a shrimp boat provided by the buyer. On each day, hunters were required to turn in unit maps (to Department personnel stationed at the shrimp boat) illustrating the capture locations of each alligator harvested. Upon obtaining these maps, Department personnel provided hunters with a new unit map and instruction on the number of lines to set for the following day.

Fur and Refuge Division personnel were stationed at the processing plant to aid in the unloading of alligators and to obtain harvest data. Alligators were unloaded at the processing plant upon arrival. As alligators were unloaded at the processing plant, the following data were collected:

- 1) Alligator hide tag numbers
- 2) Length (feet and inches)
- 3) Weight (pounds-if had not already been done)
- 4) Sex
- 5) All adult females were web tagged and the head was painted to identify for necropsy.
- 6) Obvious mutilations (i.e., cuts, bobtails, missing legs) were recorded.

Data were recorded on an official receipt form (Figure 3). This document was signed each day by Department and buyer representatives. Fur and Refuge Division personnel returned to the processing plant the following morning to assess and collect reproductive tracts.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Hunter Success

Of the 750 tags issued for this experimental harvest, all were utilized and 34 additional tags were issued during the 5 day season. This compares to 726 alligators harvested in the 5 day season in 1998 (Table 2). The 1999 harvest continues the trend of utilizing a high percentage of the allotted tags in an attenuated time frame.

Age and Sex Ratios

From July 12 through July 16, 1999, a total of 784 alligators were harvested from Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge. Adult ($\geq 6'$) alligators comprised 53% of the harvest. Age ratios for this harvest reflected an increased harvest of adults as compared to all years since 1987 (Table 3). Within the adult segment, males comprised 55% and females 45% (Table 4). Sex ratio of adult males was lower than recent harvests, but very similar to the 1986-1998 average of 54% males. The immature ($< 6'$) segment of the harvest was characterized by 57% males and 43% females. In most previous harvest years (except 1993 and 1996) the immature sex ratio was skewed toward males and has averaged 57% males and 43% females since 1989.

Size Class Frequency Distribution

The SCFD of all alligators harvested since 1986 is listed in Table 5. The SCFD in 1999 deviated from previous years. Only 6% of the 1999 harvest was comprised of 4' alligators as compared to 20% in 1998. Alligators in the 6' class increased from 26% in 1998 to 35% in 1999.

Additionally the harvest of alligators $\geq 7'$ increased from 14% in 1998 to 19% in 1999. Average length of whole alligators harvested during 1999 was 6.1 feet an increase from 5.8 in 1998. The changes in both the SCFD and the average length continue to indicate population stability at Marsh Island.

Reproductive Rates

During July 1999, 189 adult-sized female ($\geq 6'$) alligators were harvested. Additionally, 2 alligators, each measuring 5'11", were determined to be sexually mature. All of these were examined for assessment of reproductive status (Table 6). The sample was skewed toward animals in the 6' class, of which 79% were immature. Fifty-three animals were examined in the 7' and 8' size classes and only 6% of those examined in the 7' class were immature, while all 8' class animals were sexually mature. The overall production rate estimate of 17.3% was much higher than the 4 prior years (1995-1998, Table 4). Reproductive rate for sexually mature adult alligators was 40.2%. Of the 191 alligators necropsied, 82 were sexually mature at the time of harvest. This sample of sexually mature alligators was the largest since 1991.

Although data analysis is ongoing, 46 of the 191 adult females harvested were farm released. Twenty-two of the farm released females were sexually immature, 6 were quiescent and 18 were producers during the current nesting season. Of the 36 farm released female alligators harvested in the 6' size class, 22 were immature, 5 were quiescent and 9 were producers. Two additional farm released alligators measuring 5'11" were determined to be producers. The farm released alligators harvested in the 7' size class consisted of 1 quiescent and 7 producing females. Of the 33 producing females harvested during 1999, 18 of these were farm released alligators.

Calculation of the harvest quota of 750 alligators (Figure 1) was based in part, on a 20% harvest of adult-sized females, yielding a projected harvest of 226, $\geq 6'$ female alligators. This figure was then reduced to a projected harvest of 181 $\geq 6'$ females. One-hundred eighty-nine $\geq 6'$ females were harvested which equates to an actual harvest rate of 17% on the adult-sized female segment of the population.

Aerial nest surveys were conducted in July 1999. As in previous years, 22 total count units were surveyed in various habitats (impoundment, weired and non-weired) and all nests were staked and visited to verify egg deposition. We estimated a total of 398 nests were present on Marsh Island in 1999. This was above the 1994-98 average (265 nests) and within the range of nest production estimates (149 - 425 nests) for 1994-98. Nest production for 1999 showed a 42% increase from the previous year (Table 7).

Water levels in the Spring and early Summer are thought to influence annual alligator reproductive efforts. Severe drought conditions in southwest Louisiana in the Spring and early Summer of 1996 and 1998 negatively influenced nest production. Excellent water levels in 1999 positively influenced nest production. In Southwest Louisiana, nest production was estimated to be 57% higher in 1999 than the previous year.

Environmental monitoring, including collection of water level and salinity (1 hour interval sampling) is conducted on Marsh Island. In the Fall of 1993, 2 YSI constant recorders were placed in two new water management units and 1 unit was established as a control site outside of these water management units. In 1995, 6 additional YSI 6000 multiprobes were placed in strategic locations to monitor water level and salinity in weired and unweired brackish marsh on Marsh Island. Efforts continue to analyze this data and to eventually compare long term nesting effort with water level and salinity data.

Farm Released Alligators

The Iberia Parish School Board owns approximately 1500 acres of land on Marsh Island. Along with a licensed alligator farmer, they participated in the Department's wild alligator egg collection program from 1989 through 1992. This program allows for alligator eggs to be collected from the wild, incubated and alligators reared in controlled environmental chambers. Once the alligators reach 3'-5' in length a certain proportion of the alligators are returned to the wild to compensate for the eggs that were removed. Return rates vary by inch class from 29.6% for 3' alligators to 9.8% for 5' alligators.

La. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries personnel are responsible for alligator egg collections on the Iberia Parish School Board property on Marsh Island. In addition to the release requirements from these egg collections, additional farm raised alligators have been released on Marsh Island to facilitate evaluation of this program. Prior to the 1999 season approximately 4248 farm raised alligators had been released on Marsh Island. In the 1990 season 6 of 66 available released alligators were harvested; in 1991, 83 of 420 available were harvested; in 1993, 208 of 2266 were harvested; in 1995, 179 of 2702 were harvested; in 1996, 183 of 2949 were harvested; in 1997, 140 of 3036 were harvested; and in 1998, 77 of 3050 were harvested (Table 8). A total of 3370 farm released alligators were potentially available for harvest in 1999 (we could not estimate those lost to natural causes). Of the 784 alligators harvested a total of 148 had been previously measured and tagged. These tagged alligators were from 3 sources: 1) wild alligators tagged and released, 2) farm raised alligators tagged and released and 3) hatchling alligators marked and released. Identifying each of these alligators is a difficult and time consuming task due to loss of the monel metal web tags. We have tentatively determined that 100 of the 148 marked alligators were released from farms. These

100 alligators represented 12.8% of the total alligators harvested and 3.0% of the total farm released alligators potentially available for harvest (the actual percentage is higher due to mortality).

The following items are being evaluated relative to the harvest of these farm-released alligators:

- 1) Growth rates,
- 2) Movement from release site to harvest site, and
- 3) Relative contribution of natural recruitment and farm released alligator recruitment to the harvest and to the Marsh Island alligator population.

Two manuscripts have been developed thus far; Elsey et al. (1992b) reports on growth rates and Elsey et al. (1992a) reports on food habits. Continued analysis of this data, along with information being collected from other research projects and the annual statewide harvest will provide information necessary to assess the ability of these farm-released alligators to survive and contribute recruitment to the wild population. Additionally, this information will be utilized to evaluate appropriate return rates for the Department's egg collection program.

Alligators Released as Hatchlings

Over 8900 hatchling alligators (hatchlings) were released on Marsh Island between 1989 and 1996. In 1999, 42 alligators harvested were released as hatchlings (Table 9). The average length of these alligators harvested was 5.7', with the largest female and male measuring 6'6" and 6'8", respectively. Twelve female hatchlings were examined for reproductive status and all were found to be immature.

The proportion of marked (previously measured, tagged and released) alligators harvested

which were hatchlings has consistently increased since hatchlings began showing up in the harvest in 1993. This increasing trend should continue as more hatchlings reach harvestable sizes. Alligators released as hatchlings and recaptured during the harvest program provide important information on growth, movement, reproduction and survival that will be used to help make important management decisions concerning wild alligator populations.

POPULATION STATUS

In this report, harvest parameters such as percent tag utilization, season length, size class frequency distribution, age and sex ratios and average length were evaluated along with other population data including reproductive rates and nest counts. There was deviation in sex ratios of adult alligators, and an increase in the proportion of adult alligators harvested, specifically a reduction in the 4' class and an increase in the $\geq 6'$ size classes. Additionally, there was an increase in the average length of harvested alligators. Estimates of both reproductive rates and number of nest present on Marsh Island increased as well.

The 1999 estimated nest production (398) was well above the 1994-1998 average (265). Managers have long recognized that significant annual fluctuations in nest production are not generally caused by changes in population density but are reflections of the impact of various environmental, habitat and physiological factors on the alligators themselves. Continued evaluation of salinity and water level data from Marsh Island should provide insight into this variation in nesting rates. In the case of Marsh Island, the harvest rates on the adult-sized female segment of the population since 1989, along with no harvest in 1992 and 1994, has provided an adequate base of nesting females for population maintenance and growth.

In conclusion, all data reviewed indicates continued stability in the current Marsh Island alligator population. Future harvest, based on review and utilization of current population data, will not impact any segment of the Marsh Island alligator population.

SUMMARY

The Marsh Island experimental harvest continues to contribute valuable information to the Department's database for managing this important resource. Currently more detailed analysis is focused on the following items:

- 1) Reproductive data analysis,
- 2) Nest survey methodology comparison,
- 3) Estimated recruitment,
- 4) Habitat segregation of harvested alligators,
- 5) Length/weight regression analysis,
- 6) Evaluation of size class frequency distribution and sex ratios.

Future harvest strategies will be directed toward:

- 1) Evaluation of farm-released alligators, their survival, growth, maturation and contribution to recruitment into the wild population,
- 2) Evaluation of tagged hatchling alligator survival and growth,
- 3) Continued evaluation of the relationship between reproductive rate and nest counts,
- 4) Development of models to facilitate understanding alligator population dynamics,
- 5) Determining survival rates between size classes.

The continuation of this harvest program will provide data necessary for the proper management of this important natural resource.

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Table 1. Bid price by size class to be paid to the La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries - Marsh Island Fund for alligators harvested from Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge during 1999. Louisiana Land Seafood, Inc. was the highest bidder.

Size Class	Price Per Foot
up to 4'11"	\$16.25
5'0" - 5'11"	\$20.25
6'0" - 6'11"	\$20.25
7'0" - 7'11"	\$20.25
≥ 8'0"	\$20.25

Table 2. Annual base alligator harvest quota and associated information for alligators harvested from 1986-1999 on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge. No harvest occurred in 1992 and 1994 and 1988 harvest was omitted due to cancellation of harvest after 2 days of hunting.

Year	Base Quota	Number Harvested	% of Tags Utilized	Season Length (days)	Average Alligator Length (feet)
1986	3000	2617	87.2	36	7.4 ¹
1987	1500	1008	67.2	23	6.2
1989	1000	847	84.7	17	6.0
1990	1000	853	85.3	16	5.7
1991	1000	758	75.8	11	5.9
1993	1000	872	87.2	9	5.8
1995	750	739 ²	98.5	5	6.1
1996	750	784 ³	100+ ³	4	5.8
1997	750	759 ⁴	100+ ⁴	5	5.9
1998	750	726	96.8	5	5.8
1999	750	784 ³	100+ ³	5	6.1

¹ Average length of all 2930 alligators harvested.

² The 11 tags not utilized were removed from the hunters possession due to a rules violation.

³ The 34 additional tags were issued for additional alligators taken on the last day of the harvest.

⁴ The 9 additional tags were issued for additional alligators taken on the last day of the harvest.

Table 3. Age ratios for alligators harvested by baited hook and line on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge from 1986-1999.

Year	Percent of Alligators	
	Adults ($\geq 6'$)	Immatures ($< 6'$)
1986	92	8
1987	55	45
1989	41	59
1990	40	60
1991	43	57
1993	41	59
1995	47	53
1996	37	63
1997	41	59
1998	40	60
1999	53	47

Table 4. Total male and female alligators harvested on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge (1986-1999) and production rates of adult ($\geq 6'$) female alligators by year.

Year	Adults ($\geq 6'$)		Immatures ($< 6'$)		Nesting Rate (%) of $\geq 6'$ Females
	Males (%)	Females (%)	Males (%)	Females (%)	
1986	1354 (56)	1074 (44)	323 (64)	178 (36)	26.2
1987 ¹	174 (32)	370 (68)	494 (69)	223 (31)	25.4
1988	16 (30)	37 (70)	81 (72)	32 (28)	16.2
1989 ²	123 (36)	222 (64)	337 (67)	164 (33)	25.3
1990 ³	202 (59)	143 (41)	288 (57)	218 (43)	10.3
1991	155 (47)	172 (53)	264 (61)	166 (39)	21.1
1993	220 (61)	141 (39)	254 (50)	257 (50)	31.5
1995	244 (71)	102 (29)	236 (60)	157 (40)	6.3
1996	188 (64)	105 (36)	238 (48)	253 (52)	5.9
1997 ⁴	212 (68)	101 (32)	230 (52)	215 (48)	5.9
1998	181 (62)	109 (38)	250 (57)	186 (43)	4.7
1999	229 (55)	189 (45)	208 (57)	158 (43)	17.3
Totals					
1986-99	3298 (54)	2765 (46)	3203 (59)	2207 (41)	
1989-99	1754 (58)	1284 (42)	2305 (57)	1774 (43)	

¹ 1987 - 2 immature alligators unknown

² 1989 - 1 (4') alligator sex unknown

³ 1990 - 1 (4') alligator sex unknown

⁴ 1997 - 1 (9') alligator sex unknown

Table 5. Size class frequency distribution for all alligators harvested by the fishing method on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge, 1986-1999.

Size Class	<u>Percent of Alligators by Year¹</u>											
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1993	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
3'	< 1	6	6	3	11	3	8		< 1	< 1	1	< 1
4'	1	29	37	20	21	27	19	11	16	17	20	6
5'	7	13	24	36	28	27	32	43	46	41	39	40
6'	24	20	13	17	25	21	24	26	26	28	26	35
7'	27	18	14	13	8	13	9	13	7	8	9	12
8'	13	7	2	7	4	7	6	5	3	3	3	5
9'	10	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
10'	13	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	< 1	< 1	1	< 1
11'	5	2	1	1	< 1	< 1	< 1	< 1				< 1
12'	< 1	< 1										
Number Harvested	2617	1008	166	847	853	758	872	739	784	759	726	784

¹ Based on whole alligator lengths

Table 6. Number and production rates by size class for adult-sized female alligators harvested during 1999 on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge.

Size Class ¹	Immature	Producers	Quiescent
6'	107 (78%)	18 (13%)	13 (9%)
7'	2 (6%)	10 (29%)	22 (65%)
≥ 8'	0	5 (26%)	14 (74%)
Total	109 (57%)	33 (17%)	49 (26%)

¹ The 6' size class includes 2, 5'11" alligators which were sexually mature.

Table 7. Estimated nest production, and adult female sample size and production rates on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge 1990-1999.

Year	Estimated Nest Production	Number of Females ($\geq 6'$) Sampled	Nesting Rate (%) of $\geq 6'$ Females
1990	410	49	10.3
1991	474	166	21.1
1992	403		
1993	261	130	31.5
1994	159		
1995	310	95	6.3
1996	149	101	5.9
1997	425	101	5.9
1998	280	107	4.7
1999	398	191	17.3

Table 8. Number of recaptured alligators which make up the Marsh Island alligator harvest for 1990, 1991, 1993 and 1995-1999.

Year	# Harvested	# of Recaptures ¹	% of Harvest	# of Farm Alligators Available ²	# of Farm Alligators Harvested	% of Harvest	% of Farm Alligators Harvested
1990	853	58	6.8%	66	6	0.7%	9.1%
1991	758	115	15.2%	420	83	11.0%	19.8%
1993	872	262	30.0%	2266	208	23.9%	9.2%
1995	739	228	30.9%	2702	179	24.2%	6.6%
1996	784	213	27.2%	2949	183	23.3%	6.2%
1997	759	172	22.7%	3036	140	18.4%	4.6%
1998	726	117	16.1%	3050	77	10.6%	2.5%
1999	784	148	18.9%	3370	100	12.8%	3.0%

¹ The total number of alligators which were previously marked, measured and released.

² These numbers were calculated using mortality from previous harvests only (losses to natural causes were not taken into account) and are representative of a maximum number of alligators which may be available.

Table 9. The number and percent of recaptured alligators comprised by hatchlings and farm released alligators which were harvested on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge (1993 and 1995-1999).

Year Harvested	Total # of Recaptures ¹	Number of Hatchlings Recaptured ²	Percent of Recaptures ²	Number of Farm Released Recaptured	Percent of Recaptures
1993	262	2	.8%	208	79.4%
1995	228	2	.9%	179	78.5%
1996	213	12	5.6%	183	85.9%
1997	172	19	11.0%	140	81.4%
1998	117	18	15.4%	77	65.8%
1999	148	42	28.4%	100	67.6%

¹ The total number of alligators which were previously marked, measured and released.

² May actually be higher for 1993 and 1995-98 because these are a reflection of the number of alligators that could be identified to a specific hatchling. Additional alligators may have been determined to be one of several possible hatchlings and could not be identified to a specific hatchling.

Figure 1. Data and calculations utilized to establish the harvest quota for the 1999 Marsh Island
Experimental Alligator Harvest Program.

CALCULATIONS FOR 1999 QUOTA

<u>Data</u>	<u>Source of Data</u>
24.7% nesting rate (1986-91, 1993)*	July 1986-91, 1993 Marsh Island data
279 nests (1994-98 avg.)	1994-98 aerial nest surveys
Size class frequency distribution of harvested females	1986-98 Marsh Island data
Size class frequency distribution in Marsh Island harvests	1986-98 Marsh Island harvest data

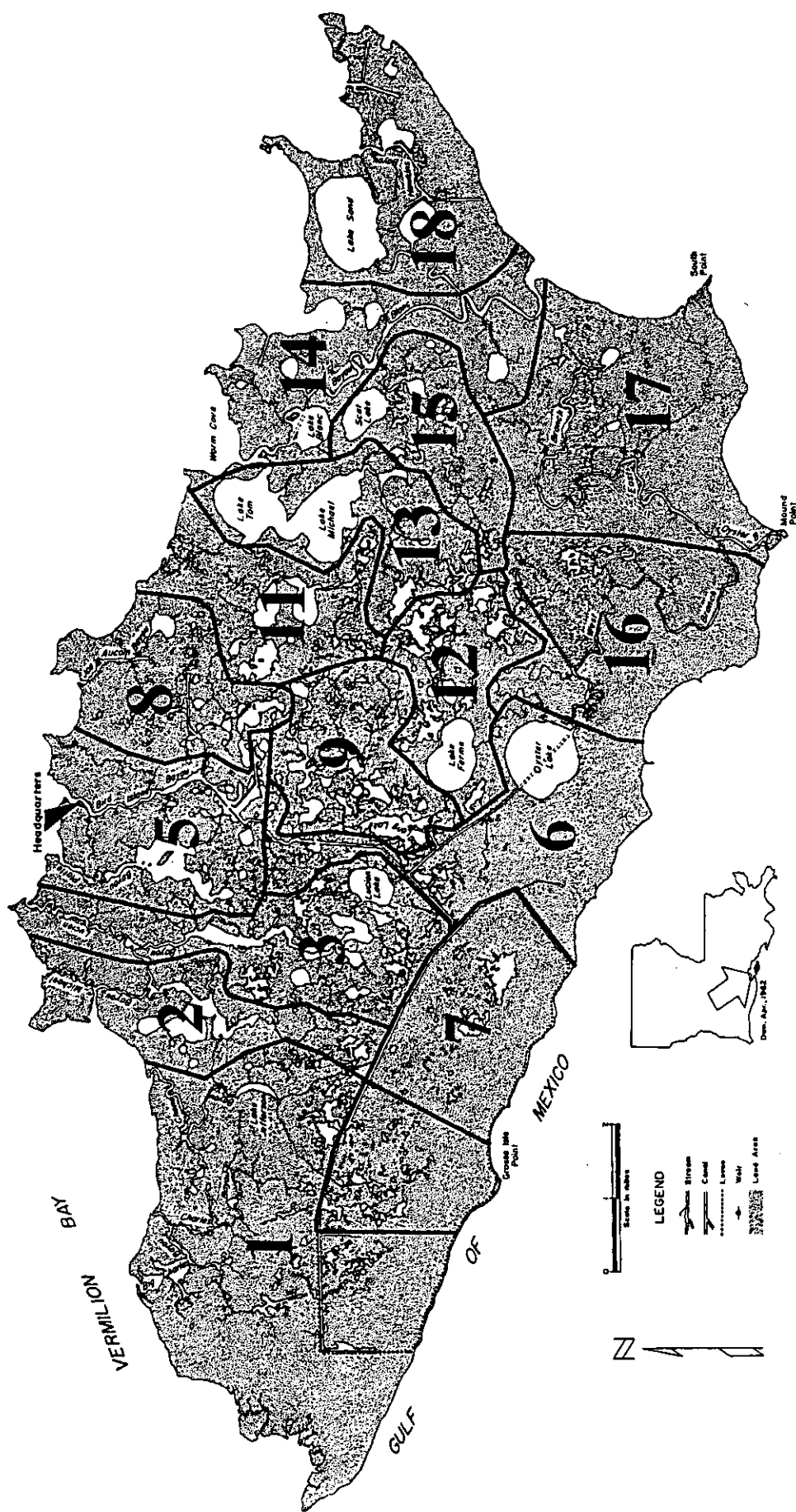
The 1999 harvest quota is based upon the average nest density and the associated number of adult-size females within the population.

Calculations

1. If 24.7% of ≥ 6 feet females produced 279 nests; then $279 \div .247 = 1,130$ total females ≥ 6 feet in length.
2. $1,130 \times 20\%$ harvest rate on ≥ 6 feet females = 226 tags, for ≥ 6 feet females (Taylor and Neal 1984).
3. If ≥ 6 feet females = 24.1% of harvest (1986-98 data) then: $226 \div .241 = 938$ total tags.
4. Final quota = 750 tags (reduced for potential errors in data)

* The nesting rate data from 1986-91 and 1993 were used instead of the 5-year average because 1995-1997 had inadequate sample sizes which reflected extremely low nesting rates.

Figure 2. Map of Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge.



MARSH ISLAND WILDLIFE REFUGE EXPERIMENTAL ALLIGATOR HARVEST UNITS

Figure 3. Receipt form utilized for the 1999 Marsh Island Experimental Alligator Harvest Program.

OFFICIAL RECEIPT
1999 MARSH ISLAND
EXPERIMENTAL ALLIGATOR HARVEST

RECEIPT NUMBER: _____

DATE: _____

	Hide Tag No.	Length Ft./In.	Weight	Sex	Web Tag	Mgt Unit	Hab Type	Remarks
1	98255							
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3	98255							
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SIGNED: _____

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PURCHASER

VERMILION BAY

HEADQUARTERS

Lake Jean

Lake Michael

Lake Jeanne

Lake Sand

Lake Perdue

Lake Oyster

GULF OF MEXICO

South Point

Dec. Apr., 1982

A detailed black and white illustration of a crocodile, likely a Gharial, shown in profile facing right. It has a long, slender body with prominent dark and light vertical stripes along its back and tail. The head is long and narrow with a pointed snout. The crocodile is positioned horizontally across the page.



2000 Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge Experimental Alligator Harvest Proposal

INTRODUCTION

The Department's alligator management activities on Marsh Island are based upon the Deed of Donation and the 1988 Memorandum of Understanding between the LDWF and the Russell Sage Foundation. The Deed of Donation specifically recognized the need to conduct studies of the animal life on the Refuge and provided for the harvest of both furbearers and alligators. Historically, nutria, muskrat, raccoon, river otter, mink and alligators were harvested within the framework of seasons established and administered through rules and regulations of the Department and or the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. The 1988 MOU further clarified the context in which wildlife may be taken at Marsh Island and provided for the development and sale of by-products from the harvested wildlife. The MOU also established a notification and review process for the Department's proposed activities.

Louisiana's current alligator management program dates back to 1972 when the Department reopened the season in Cameron Parish. The harvest was gradually expanded and in 1981 was opened statewide wherever there was sufficient habitat to support a reproducing alligator population. The Department has long been recognized for its alligator research and management activities on an international basis and the results of the Department's alligator research has influenced the development of Crocodilian management programs in many countries. Louisiana continues to lead the world with a wild harvest of 30,000+ alligators annually and an egg harvest of over 382,000 in 1999. The egg harvest program includes a requirement to return a specified portion of alligators raised in captivity to the wild to maintain the wild alligator population.

Marsh Island provides ideal habitat for alligators and provides an excellent setting for research activities. The Department initiated the alligator research program on Marsh Island in 1981 to establish a data base to estimate alligator abundance, determine distribution by habitat type and management units, and assess population dynamics, reproductive rates, growth rates and other population parameters. This data base was needed to learn more about the alligator population on Marsh Island, to determine the affect of various water management practices (weirs and impoundments) on the alligator population and to provide data that could improve our management of the statewide alligator population.

With the development of a series of specific objectives in 1986, the alligator research was expanded to include a harvest program. This harvest program has provided critical information regarding our knowledge of alligator biology and in particular, reproductive performance. As a result, an alligator population model was developed that now forms the basis for the Department's assessment of wild alligator harvest rates and for comparisons of survivability of wild versus farm released alligators. In addition, we are analyzing the distribution of harvested alligators by size and sex classes as it relates to water management schemes currently employed on Marsh Island. Nest surveys are also conducted annually on Marsh Island and these too are being assessed by water management units on the Refuge. Clearly, the harvest research program is consistent with recognized wildlife management principles and with the continued maintenance and/or enhancement of the wildlife habitat.

Each year the data from all previous harvests are reviewed, the specific objectives assessed, and the needs for research from the Marsh Island perspective as well as from a statewide perspective are reviewed and a revised set of specific objectives and a harvest quota are developed. For the 2000

harvest, the emphasis is placed on assessment of growth, survival, movement and sexual maturation of released, farm raised alligators and hatchling alligators marked and released into the wild. Other objectives include assessment of nest production, size and sex ratios, and other population parameters. The issue of survival of farm released alligators is the most critical issue facing the Department today. The alligator research program on Marsh Island is providing a long term data set relative to alligator biology and management. We have maintained continuity in the overall harvest scheme, particularly in data collection and in establishment of objectives and harvest quotas. Additionally, the Department remains cognizant of the management needs of Marsh Island and will design and plan future harvest strategies to meet those needs as well as those of the state's alligator management program while meeting all requirements set forth in the Deed of Donation and the MOU.

During 1986-1999 a total of 11,478 alligators (57% males and 43% females) were harvested (Kinler 1991a, 1991b, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996a, 1996b), (Kinler and Campbell 1997a, 1997b, 1998a, 1998b, 1999a, 1999b, 1999c), (Kinler et al. 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990a, 1990b). Of all adult ($\geq 6'$) alligators harvested, males comprised 54% and females 46%. In the immature ($< 6'$) size classes males comprised 59% while females contributed only 41%. As a group, adults comprised 53% of the total harvest. The size class frequency distribution of all alligators harvested by the baited hook and line harvest technique, from Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge is listed in Table 1.

Although a significant amount of information has been collected in previous years, the importance of correlating nest production with water and salinity management strategies and the evaluation of survival, growth and reproductive success of farm released alligators and marked hatchlings released in the wild provides justification for this harvest. Constant water level and

salinity data are now being collected throughout the Refuge with 12 YSI 6000 recorders. Annual nesting effort of alligators is influenced by these variables throughout coastal Louisiana. Understanding the effect of environmental factors on nesting effort is necessary to determine population trends and to establish harvest quotas.

Approximately 4,248 farm-raised alligators have been released on Marsh Island since 1989. In the 1990 and 1991 season, 89 of these released alligators were captured. Data from these recaptured alligators contributed in part to Elsey et al.(1992b) which compared growth rates between wild and farm-raised released alligators. Additionally, these recaptured alligators contributed entirely to Elsey et al (1992a) which compared food habits between wild and farm-raised, released alligators. In the 1993 season, 208 of 2,266 farm released alligators were harvested; in the 1995 season, 179 were harvested from 2,702 farm released alligators potentially available; in the 1996 season, 183 of the 2,949 available farm released alligators were harvested; in the 1997 season, 140 of the 3,036 available farm released alligators were harvested; in the 1998 season, 77 of the 3,050 available farm released alligators were harvested; while in the 1999 season, 100 of the 3,370 available farm released alligators were harvested. In 1999, 18 farm released alligators were determined to have nested during the current nesting season.

Over 8,900 hatchling alligators were released on Marsh Island between 1989 and 1996. In 1999, 42 alligators harvested were released as hatchlings. The proportion of marked (previously measured, tagged and released) alligators harvested which were released as hatchlings has consistently increased from .8% in 1993 to 28.4% in 1999. This increasing trend should continue as more hatchlings reach harvestable sizes.

Continued recovery of farm and hatchling released alligators plays an important role in the

Department's evaluation of the egg collection and wild harvest programs. The data collected from these released alligators provide important biological, movement and dispersal information used to properly manage alligator resources statewide. The harvest in 2000 will provide an opportunity to recover additional farm and hatchling released alligators. The following items will be evaluated relative to the harvest of these farm and hatchling released alligators:

- 1) Growth rates
- 2) Movement and dispersal
- 3) Survival rates
- 4) Relative contribution of natural, alligator hatchling and farm released alligator recruitment to the harvest and to the Marsh Island alligator population.

Continuation of this harvest program, in the format described in this proposal, will provide information to the Department needed to make management decisions for the state's alligator program. The 2000 harvest is consistent with the Department's position outlined in a document entitled "Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge Experimental Alligator Harvest Program--Summary and Future Research and Management Strategies" which was submitted to the Russell Sage Foundation in June 1992 (Kinler 1992). This proposal details the objectives and procedures for the 2000 experimental harvest program on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge.

OBJECTIVES

- 1) To evaluate survival, growth rates and movement of farm-raised alligators and alligator hatchlings released into the wild.
- 2) To evaluate the relative contribution of natural recruitment and farm released

alligator recruitment to the harvest and to the Marsh Island alligator population.

- 3) To conduct intensive alligator nest counts to correlate nest counts with water level and salinity management strategies currently being implemented on Marsh Island.
- 4) To evaluate the accuracy of a calculated optimum harvest rate.
- 5) Evaluate harvest parameters (sex and age ratios, size class frequency distribution, and average length) to monitor alligator population status on Marsh Island.

PROCEDURES

Harvest Quotas

Data collected from the 1986-99 experimental harvests were used to calculate a harvest quota for the 2000 harvest (Figure 1). Since the beginning of this harvest program all pertinent data has been used to estimate numbers of alligators present on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge and subsequently to calculate a harvest quota. Alligator nest count data from 1995-1999, production rate data from 1989-91, 1993 and 1999, and sex ratio and size class frequency distribution data from the 11,478 alligators harvested from Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge has been combined to calculate the 2000 quota. The 2000 quota is 750 alligators. These alligators will be harvested in September 2000.

Selection of Hunters

A total of 16 hunters and 5 alternates will be selected for the experimental harvest. Preference will be given to the individuals with previous trapping and/or alligator hunting experience on Marsh Island. Other hunters will be selected by screening applications , using the criteria listed below, and then drawing names.

- 1) Previous trapping and/or alligator hunting experience on Marsh Island Refuge.

- 2) Previous alligator hunting experience in Louisiana.
- 3) Ownership of essential equipment for alligator hunting on Marsh Island. Due to the location and topography of Marsh Island Refuge each hunter will need two boats.
 - a) Minimum 18' hull to cross the open water of Vermilion Bay on a daily basis.
 - b) A small boat (small flat, mudboat, etc.) to hunt the interior bayous and ponds.
- 4) Each applicant will be required to report to the refuge each morning until his quota is filled (no exceptions allowed).
- 5) Ability to follow specific instructions issued by Department personnel.
- 6) Ability to maintain required records.
- 7) All applicants will be checked for past wildlife violations. Any applicant possessing a wildlife conviction in the past 5 years will be rejected.

All hunters will be required to sign and abide by an alligator hunting contract.

Unit Assignments

Hunters will be assigned to specific units on Marsh Island. Assignment of hunting units will be done by a drawing. Hunting units will be distributed throughout the Refuge so that the harvest is equitably distributed across habitat types and management units.

Harvest Date

The 2000 experimental harvest will be conducted in September. The harvest will continue on a daily basis until specified by Department officials. Assessment of economic feasibility for the Department, the purchaser, and the hunter will also be considered.

Harvest Methods

The base quota of 750 alligators will be harvested by the baited hook and line (fishing)

method. The daily harvest quota for each hunter will be regulated as needed.

Sale of Alligators

As in previous years, these alligators will be sold to the highest bidder. Sale of these alligators will be advertised and bids solicited from alligator buyers and dealers.

Data Collection

All alligators will be brought to the refuge headquarters and loaded onto the transport boat.

The following data will be collected:

- 1) Alligator hide tag numbers
- 2) Length (feet and inches)
- 3) Sex and weight
- 4) Location where the alligator is captured
- 5) Obvious mutilations (i.e., cuts, bobtails, missing legs) will be recorded.
- 6) Web tag and tail notch information for marked alligators. Fur and Refuge Division personnel will collect and process all data from the 2000 harvest.

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6'	24	20	13	17	25	21	24	26	26	28	26	35
7'	27	18	14	13	8	13	9	13	7	8	9	12
8'	13	7	2	7	4	7	6	5	3	3	3	5
9'	10	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
10'	13	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	< 1	<1	1	<1
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CALCULATIONS FOR 2000 QUOTA

<u>Data</u>	<u>Source of Data</u>
21.1% nesting rate (1989-91, 1993, 1999)*	July 1989-91, 1993, 1999 Marsh Island data
312 nests (1995-99 avg.)	1995-99 aerial nest surveys
Size class frequency distribution of harvested females	1986-99 Marsh Island data
Size class frequency distribution in Marsh Island harvests	1986-99 Marsh Island harvest data

The 2000 harvest quota is based upon the average nest density and the associated number of adult-size females within the population.

Calculations

1. If 21.1% of ≥ 6 foot females produced 312 nests; then $312 \div .211 = 1,479$ total females ≥ 6 feet in length.
2. $1,479 \times 20\%$ harvest rate on ≥ 6 foot females = 296 tags, for ≥ 6 foot females (Taylor and Neal 1984).
3. If ≥ 6 foot females = 24.1% of harvest (1986-99 data) then: $296 \div .241 = 1,228$ total tags.
4. Final quota = 750 tags (reduced for potential errors in data)

* The nesting rate data from 1989-91, 1993 and 1999 were used instead of the 5-year average because 1995-1998 had inadequate sample sizes which reflected extremely low nesting rates.

2000		November			2000	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

COMMENTS ON SHRIMPER'S PROPOSALS FROM THE LAST COMMISSION MEETING

"SEASON ON CRABBING"

A self imposed season about 3 weeks at the beginning of each shrimp season. One week to pick up traps, two weeks on shore, and several days to put traps back out.

"NUMBER OF TRAPS"

- 1) No biological reason.
- 2) For escape rings to be effective crabbers need enough traps because it takes 48 hours for the small crabs to get out.
- 3) The best place to shrimp is also the best place to crab- changing the number of traps wouldn't change much.

"SPACING TRAPS APART"

Traps and lines should be well spaced apart- 150 ft. or more.

"MATERIALS USED IN CRAB TRAPS"

There are some rare cases where rebar has been a problem- but very rare, this could be further studied.

"RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGES"

Every crab trap is stationary -it possesses its own spot Only a shrimper can pickup something that belongs to someone else, carry it around for hours, damage it, put it in another area, and then blame someone else for the damage. This amounts to illegal possession.

"TRAWLS CATCH EVERYTHING -CRAB TRAPS CATCH CRABS"

A crab trap is 99.9% effective in what it is supposed to catch whereas a bottom trawl violates every conservation ethic. No other gear kills and wastes so much to get so little. This gear is exempt from all laws and penalties. A shrimper can catch all species with no regard to seasons,

permits, licenses, sizes, or amounts. When shrimp are small in the fall the count is removed so that they can bring in shrimp that are over 100 per lb.

They can also drag over oyster reefs anywhere any time- with no responsibility, where oil people have to pay to cross.

“TERRITORY”

There are thousands of square miles in the Gulf with crabs and shrimp. Shrimpers have no season and are allowed to fish at night. The bay (inside waters is adult crab habitat, but immature shrimp habitat.

“ECONOMICS”

The inside crab industry by far exceeds the inside shrimp fishery.

“GHOST TRAPS”

Either the shrimpers are stretching the truth about the number of ghost traps or they are breaking the common float law.

“GHOST TRAPS KILLING FISH”

A shrimper kills more fish in one day than 25 crabbers do in months. A ghost trap provides shelter and habitat for small crabs, fish, and shrimp. A shrimpers bycatch is destroyed and wasted. A crabbers bycatch is released, used for bait, or eaten- none wasted. Crab traps kill no shrimp, only provides food and shelter for shrimp. Trawls catch and destroy thousands of lbs. of crabs and fish, mostly undersized, with no penalty.

“RELATIONS BETWEEN USER GROUPS”

Small boats and outboards shrimping in the bay like to see crab traps to keep the bigger boats from overpowering the industry.

MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	PERCENT DOLLARS PAID	PERCENT CASES PAID
FISCAL YEAR 1993-94								
July, 1993	25	\$21,039.00	(\$9,778.00)	29	\$4,855.00	\$2,545.00		
Aug., 1993	53	\$44,922.00	(\$1,137.00)	41	\$7,950.00	\$3,603.00		
Sept., 1993	42	\$137,635.00	(\$17,938.00)	35	\$6,783.00	\$3,048.00		
Oct., 1993	49	\$21,471.00	(\$11,282.00)	40	\$3,285.00	\$1,519.00		
Nov., 1993	57	\$31,207.00	(\$13,260.00)	32	\$3,053.00	\$2,845.00		
Dec., 1993	53	\$13,777.00		27	\$6,507.00	\$6,713.00		
Jan., 1994	38	\$18,918.00		32	\$4,423.00	\$2,831.00		
Feb., 1994	68	\$38,131.00	(\$8,238.00)	46	\$9,124.00	\$5,993.00		
Mar., 1994	38	\$22,739.00	(\$2,482.00)	51	\$10,854.00	\$6,796.00		
April, 1994	14	\$44,732.00	(\$1,404.00)	27	\$7,307.00	\$4,632.00		
May, 1994	10	\$4,504.00	(\$165.00)	7	\$5,447.00	\$3,808.00		
June, 1994	29	\$26,167.00	(\$2,986.00)	12	\$1,886.00	\$1,214.00		
Total FY 1994	476	\$425,242.00	(\$68,670.00)	379	\$71,474.00	\$45,547.00	27.5%	79.6%
FISCAL YEAR 1994-95								
July, 1994	17	\$2,127.00	(\$335.00)	23	\$2,101.00	\$1,437.00		
Aug., 1994	41	\$96,403.00	(\$3,035.00)	20	\$1,010.00	\$605.00		
Sept., 1994	34	\$14,614.00	(\$14,002.00)	26	\$2,596.00	\$2,342.00		
Oct., 1994	94	\$17,426.00	(\$8,677.00)	38	\$2,922.00	\$3,179.00		
Nov., 1994	43	\$103,592.00		45	\$3,992.00	\$2,803.00		
Dec., 1994	68	\$31,400.00		35	\$4,315.00	\$2,329.00		
Jan., 1995	55	\$27,601.00		52	\$7,493.00	\$4,921.00		
Feb., 1995	70	\$61,119.00		41	\$6,472.00	\$3,973.00		
Mar., 1995	31	\$25,072.00		44	\$8,315.00	\$4,737.00		
Apr., 1995	13	\$15,353.00		16	\$3,565.00	\$1,538.00		
May., 1995	23	\$11,632.00		16	\$4,315.00	\$654.00		
June 1995	45	\$31,008.00		18	\$2,630.00	\$1,025.00		
Total FY 1995	534	\$437,347.00	(\$26,049.00)	374	\$49,726.00	\$29,543.00	18.1%	70.0%
FICAL YEAR 1995-96								
July, 1995	0	\$0.00						
Aug., 1995	46	\$17,425.00		27	\$9,028.00	\$1,729.00		
Sept., 1995	1	\$125.00		21	\$3,093.00	\$2,049.00		
Oct., 1995	122	\$206,244.00		29	\$2,720.00	\$1,161.00		
Nov., 1995	55	\$23,124.00		62	\$10,151.00	\$6,383.00		
Dec., 1995	50	\$18,607.26		32	\$4,780.66	\$2,802.76		
Jan., 1996	49	\$13,814.88	(\$15,296.45)	36	\$5,296.51	\$3,472.89		
Feb., 1996	50	\$14,716.97		38	\$5,777.53	\$3,416.91		
Mar., 1996	33	\$24,936.91		36	\$6,035.12	\$3,421.75		
Apr., 1996	30	\$11,006.66		36	\$7,173.12	\$2,711.54		
May., 1996	23	\$7,989.34		24	\$3,941.69	\$2,020.29		
June 1996	50	\$22,151.31		16	\$2,790.02	\$1,182.23		
Total FY 1996	509	\$360,141.33	(\$15,296.45)	357	\$60,786.65	\$30,350.37	25.3%	70.1%
FISCAL YEAR 1996-97								
July, 1996	40	\$71,894.13		32	\$5,249.93	\$2,947.96		
Aug., 1996	32	\$5,362.64		32	\$6,254.59	\$3,783.69		
Sept., 1996	41	\$7,210.00		29	\$2,259.96	\$1,326.58		
Oct., 1996	29	\$11,092.53		25	\$3,697.89	\$2,261.98		
Nov., 1996	20	\$10,009.10		22	\$1,624.63	\$698.02		
Dec., 1996	13	\$238,466.04		22	\$5,877.18	\$2,121.53		
Jan., 1997	27	\$11,755.22		17	\$4,393.30	\$2,377.09		
Feb., 1997	47	\$18,520.87		42	\$8,579.84	\$5,552.63		
Mar., 1997	26	\$13,434.02		27	\$4,999.59	\$2,757.67		
Apr., 1997	10	\$2,908.87		15	\$2,322.88	\$1,298.66		
May., 1997	20	\$11,682.70		15	\$5,198.91	\$1,399.21		
June 1997	5	\$8,036.58		10	\$2,335.24	\$765.34		
Total FY 1997	310	\$410,372.70	\$0.00	288	\$52,793.94	\$27,290.36	19.5%	92.9%

FISCAL YEAR 1997 - 98

July, 1997	10	\$2,811.71		8	\$1,584.67	\$823.11
Aug., 1997	14	\$8,741.30		8	\$1,496.49	\$779.14
Sept., 1997	29	\$19,926.37		12	\$2,051.78	\$1,278.04
Oct., 1997	12	\$4,716.81		23	\$3,184.83	\$2,063.89
Nov., 1997	23	\$54,965.34		10	\$2,424.86	\$1,218.28
Dec., 1997	25	\$36,881.09		15	\$4,376.97	\$2,775.66
Jan., 1998	42	\$30,025.81		17	\$5,300.40	\$3,533.66
Feb., 1998	37	\$31,164.95		29	\$22,961.69	\$8,501.18
Mar., 1998	9	\$13,273.45		32	\$9,406.56	\$4,371.53
Apr., 1998	10	\$5,628.21		10	\$2,602.62	\$1,279.77
May., 1998	0	\$225.00		8	\$2,885.02	\$950.46
June 1998	5	\$2,414.03		6	\$1,041.54	\$98.00

Total FY 1998	216	\$210,774.07	\$0.00	178	\$59,317.43	\$27,672.72	41.3%	82.4%
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FISCAL YEAR 1998 - 99

July, 1998	9	\$1,390.43		8	\$1,964.20	\$716.75
Aug., 1998	10	\$2,240.70		10	\$1,048.28	\$372.47
Sept., 1998	8	\$2,768.96		11	\$2,000.36	\$1,148.23
Oct., 1998	22	\$28,704.85		14	\$1,860.17	\$807.48
Nov., 1998	19	\$9,137.79		11	\$1,765.97	\$1,092.43
Dec., 1998	23	\$11,959.10		27	\$4,441.02	\$2,040.71
Jan., 1999	41	\$21,179.55		18	\$6,621.63	\$3,838.22
Feb., 1999	45	\$26,236.24		41	\$12,119.09	\$6,923.61
Mar., 1999	15	\$7,549.57		33	\$8,281.77	\$4,138.44
Apr., 1999	9	\$8,013.54		14	\$3,035.82	\$1,388.41
May., 1999	5	\$5,161.23		5	\$905.50	\$405.00
June 1999	7	\$3,719.01		13	\$3,011.06	\$533.83

Total FY 1999	213	\$128,060.97	\$0.00	205	\$47,054.87	\$23,405.58	55.0%	96.2%
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FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000

July, 1999	5	\$1,556.38		9	\$2,287.53	\$1,198.81
Aug., 1999	10	\$2,510.83		15	\$2,455.38	\$513.73
Sept., 1999	6	\$2,032.19	\$5,324.80	28	\$3,563.06	\$475.93
Oct., 1999	11	\$4,452.31	\$567.75	25	\$2,775.48	\$557.41
Nov., 1999	14	\$8,634.64		26	\$3,250.96	\$1,322.96
Dec., 1999	24	\$15,891.96		19	\$3,862.76	\$2,126.27
Jan., 2000	49	\$27,872.14		28	\$7,952.94	\$3,814.02
Feb., 2000	21	\$11,039.59		30	\$10,159.24	\$6,216.42
Mar., 2000	19	\$9,873.21		31	\$6,709.07	\$3,555.40
Apr., 2000	12	\$7,897.70		17	\$2,932.41	\$1,512.54
May, 2000	7	\$5,039.46	\$293.60	13	\$5,046.00	\$3,164.00
June, 2000	16	\$14,566.88		11	\$4,986.31	\$1,852.12

Total FY 2000	194	\$111,367.29	\$6,186.15	252	\$55,981.14	\$26,309.61	74%	130%
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CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
CURRENT MONTH
06/01/2000 TO 06/30/2000

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	16	\$14,316.88
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	10	\$250.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	16	\$14,566.88
PAYMENTS	11	\$4,986.31-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	0	\$0.00
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	7	\$680.28-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	0	\$0.00
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	4	\$100.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	4	\$1,852.12-
OVERPAYMENTS	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	1	\$314.72
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	752	\$874,459.24-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$0.00
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	1	\$524.54-
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00

FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	1	\$25,000.00
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	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	193	\$110,067.75
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	25	\$775.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	193	\$110,842.75
PAYMENTS	147	\$46,465.27-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	11	\$1,276.27-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	39	\$8,161.08-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	6	\$1,700.03-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	45	\$1,175.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	123	\$26,099.79-
OVERPAYMENTS	4	\$290.98
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	4	\$2,426.37
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	9	\$11,455.85-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	1	\$1,621.15
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	1	\$6,800.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	757	\$886,968.34-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	2	\$604.67-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	7	\$3,766.43-
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00

FOOTNOTE:		
FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	9	\$26,740.85

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	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	3,994	\$2,705,296.48
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	202	\$5,350.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	331	\$269,865.45-
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	148	\$71,951.21
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	3,994	\$2,512,732.24
PAYMENTS	2,676	\$491,120.31-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	11	\$1,276.27-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	39	\$8,161.08-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	6	\$1,700.03-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	81	\$2,100.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	1,892	\$243,829.77-
OVERPAYMENTS	124	\$3,002.56
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	49	\$10,624.24
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	13	\$29,905.30-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	5	\$12,222.64
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	20	\$90,603.09
RETURNED CHECKS	1	\$36.75
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	2	\$35.00
CREDITS	13	\$10.22-
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	21	\$6,881.15
CREDITS	58	\$36,391.47-
WRITE-OFFS	965	\$1,025,082.16-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	6	\$1,399.24-
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	22	\$11,864.26-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	40	\$77,308.79-
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
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** TOTAL OUTSTANDING	331	\$705,988.77

FOOTNOTE:		
FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	26	\$38,541.75 *

AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN	0	\$0.00
1 - 30 DAYS	2	\$649.00
31 - 60 DAYS	23	\$32,373.58
61 - 90 DAYS	28	\$46,437.40
91 - 120 DAYS	8	\$7,938.25
121 - 150 DAYS	6	\$2,164.55
151 - 180 DAYS	1	\$158.00
181 - 365 DAYS	70	\$36,105.88
OVER ONE YEAR	139	\$86,960.41
OVER TWO YEARS	144	\$111,429.73
OVER THREE YEARS	475	\$370,253.40

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** TOTAL AGING	896	\$694,470.20
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AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:

CAN NOT BE INVOICED	4	\$670.49
CURRENT	10	\$12,581.09
1 - 30 DAYS	0	\$0.00
31 - 90 DAYS	8	\$3,377.74
91 - 180 DAYS	39	\$23,795.38
181 - 365 DAYS	5	\$2,237.36
OVER ONE YEAR	191	\$218,206.58

COLLECTIONS WITH PRIVATE COLLECTIONS FIRM:

1 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	74	\$445,120.13

AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:

1 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	0	\$0.00

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** TOTAL AGING	331	\$705,988.77
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	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	1,108	\$55,850.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	177	\$4,425.00
CREDITS	1	\$25.00-
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TOTAL DUE		\$60,250.00

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PAID IN FULL	761	\$39,828.00-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	13	\$630.00-
OVERPAYMENTS	6	\$153.00
REFUNDS	2	\$100.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	5	\$250.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
VOIDS	90	\$4,275.00-
NOT GUILTY	4	\$250.00-

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	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	8,888	\$450,760.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	2,400	\$60,152.00
CREDITS	5	\$650.00-

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TOTAL DUE		\$510,262.00
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PAID IN FULL	5,678	\$301,613.73-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	107	\$5,126.00-
OVERPAYMENTS	51	\$2,068.33
REFUNDS	32	\$1,096.00
RETURNED CHECKS	4	\$225.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	4	\$60.00
CREDITS	2	\$1.60-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	10	\$500.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
VOIDS	539	\$23,082.00-
NOT GUILTY	184	\$8,550.00-

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	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	82,468	\$4,191,757.07
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	18,601	\$465,453.80
CREDITS	5	\$5,375.00-
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TOTAL DUE		\$4,651,835.87

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PAID IN FULL	46,097	\$2,396,471.60-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	1,248	\$56,854.37-
OVERPAYMENTS	891	\$25,832.67
REFUNDS	173	\$8,375.31
RETURNED CHECKS	61	\$3,275.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	61	\$1,025.00
CREDITS	168	\$156.03-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	126	\$7,400.00
CREDITS	14	\$800.00-
VOIDS	4,565	\$194,807.73-
NOT GUILTY	810	\$40,600.00-
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TOTAL OUTSTANDING		\$2,008,054.12

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM CITATION DATE

CURRENT	447	\$22,650.00
1 - 30 DAYS	733	\$37,155.00
31 - 60 DAYS	853	\$43,670.00
91 - 180 DAYS	547	\$31,735.00
181 - 365 DAYS	1,307	\$88,444.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	27,942	\$1,784,400.12
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** TOTAL AGING	31,829	\$2,008,054.12

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM HEARING DATE

PREHEARING	1,580	\$80,585.00
0 - 90 DAYS	2,408	\$120,970.00
91 - 180 DAYS	588	\$39,330.00
181 - 270 DAYS	1,182	\$79,419.00
271 - 365 DAYS	418	\$25,769.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	25,653	\$1,661,981.12
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** TOTAL AGING	31,829	\$2,008,054.12

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WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION TO MEET JULY 6

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will hold its next regular meeting on Thursday, July 6, 2000, at 10 a.m. The meeting is open to the public and will take place in the Louisiana Room of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries building, located at 2000 Quail Dr. in Baton Rouge. The agenda follows:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of June 1, 2000
3. Review of Wood Duck Video
4. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/June
5. Rule Ratification - 2000-2001 Hunting Season Dates
6. Rule Ratification - Hunting and WMA Rules and Regulations
7. Notice of Intent - 2001 Turkey Season
8. Tentative Season Dates for Early Migratory Birds
9. Rule Ratification - Alligator Regulations
10. Resolution and Declaration of Emergency - 2000 Wild Alligator Harvest Season
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EDITORS: For more information, contact Catherine Carlock Simpson at 225/765-2923
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TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
SUBJECT: July Commission Meeting Agenda

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WINTON VIDRINE

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C O V E R

S H E E T



FAX

To: Tom Gattle
Fax #: 318-559-1524
Subject: Agenda
Date: June 27, 2000
Pages: 3, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

Please review and then give me a call on the attached agenda for the July 6 Commission Meeting.

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

La. Dept. Of Wildlife & Fisheries
P. O. Box 98000
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225-765-2806
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Oyster & Shrimp Committee Members (Commissioners Kelly, Busbice, McCall & Delacroix)

FROM: Susan Hawkins *Susan Hawkins*

SUBJECT: Committee Meeting

Chairman Tom Gattle has called a meeting of the Oyster & Shrimp Committee for Thursday, July 6, 2000 at 9:00 AM in the Fourth Floor Conference Room. The meeting is to discuss prohibitions on night shrimping and other shrimp management measures.

Please let us know if you will be unable to attend. Thank you.

sch

cc: Chairman Tom Gattle
Commissioner Glynn Carver
Commissioner Jerry Stone
James Jenkins, Jr.
John Roussel
Karen Foote

Division Report:
Shotgun Drawing
+ Update on La.
Wild Turkey
Federation -
Paul Ferrell

(Item given to me by
D. Timmer 6/6/2000.)

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TO: Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-Office of Wildlife,
Assistant Secretary-Office of Fisheries and Confidential
Assistant

FROM: James H. Jennings, Jr., Secretary

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - July 6, 2000

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Ratify Seasons, Bag limits + Regulations
for hunting of resident game
ok Turkey Seasons Notice of Intent
Early Season Migratory Birds

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Susan Hawkins
FROM: Noel Kinler
DATE: June 14, 2000
SUBJECT: Agenda items for July Commission meeting

Please put the following items on the agenda for the July meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

1. Ratification of Notice of Intent regarding proposed Alligator Program rule changes.
2. Consideration of Declaration of Emergency and Resolution to establish 2000 Wild Alligator Harvest Season.
3. Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge Alligator Harvest Program---Informational purposes only and to provide an opportunity for public comment.

Please contact me if you need any clarification on any of these items.

cc: Brandt Savoie
Bob Love

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Discuss FY 2001 Budget
Tentative -
Depending on the events of
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Susan:

*I have no agenda items
from the Wildlife Fisheries Div.
- Hank
Bennie*

Hawkins, Susan

From: Foote, Karen
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2000 4:38 PM
To: Roussel, John E
Cc: Hawkins, Susan
Subject: Commission agenda items

Marine Fisheries has no items at this moment.

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